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For Obama, a Cautious First Visit

IN STEP: President Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper walk after their news conference on Thursday in Ottawa. Obama was cautious on his first foreign trip as president, refraining from asking Canada to rethink its Afghanistan strategy and pledging patience in altering the North American Free Trade Agreement. ♦ **Agenda:** Sides agree to clean energy talks | **Page 7**

Journalist Defends Shoe Toss

In court, Iraqi says he acted to help restore country's pride

BAGHDAD | The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush did not apologize as his trial began Thursday, and instead struck a defiant tone — telling the judges he wanted to hit back at the humiliation Iraq had suffered at U.S. hands.

It was Muntadhar al-Zeidi's first public appearance since he was arrested in mid-December for hurling shoes at Bush during a joint news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The act turned the 30-year-old reporter into a cult hero throughout much of the Middle East.

"I wanted to restore the pride of the Iraqis in any way possible, apart from using weapons," al-Zeidi told the court. He also said he had been tortured with beatings and electric shocks during his interrogation — allegations the Iraqi government has denied. The trial was later adjourned until March 12.

Dozens of supporters greeted al-Zeidi at the courthouse. As he walked into the courtroom, his aunt handed him a scarf imprinted with an Iraqi flag, which he kissed. He wrapped the scarf around his neck and wore it proudly during his 30-minute testimony. (AP)



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REVENGE

The Kevlar Weave Was a Good Buy

Other than having a bit of a headache, a Kansas City, Mo., woman was uninjured after a bullet that was fired at her ended up tangled in her hair weave. Police said the 20-year-old woman was in a convenience store parking lot late Wednesday when a man flagged her down and told her that her ex-boyfriend still loved her. She replied, "Well, I don't love him," and then heard gunshots. She said she looked behind the vehicle and saw her ex-boyfriend firing a handgun at her. She stomped her accelerator and fled, and then turned into another parking lot and called police. She told officers she recently had ended an eight-month relationship with the suspect. (AP)

FREE SPEECH

Dante Would Like a Word With You, Sir

The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania has sued on behalf of a man whose company name — "I Choose Hell Productions" — was rejected by the state. Filmmak-

er George Kalman's request in 2007 to register as a business was turned down because of a state law prohibiting names that contain blasphemy or profanity. Kalman says he chose the name because he believes it is better to struggle through difficult times — that is, live in "hell" — than to commit suicide. (AP)



MATT CADDY/GETTY IMAGES

RENOVATIONS

Heaven on Wheels

England's Malmesbury Abbey was built in the 12th century, so it's probably not surprising that the original architect didn't think to include a ramp for skateboarding in it. Luckily, current Malmesbury residents have corrected this grievous error, using plywood, hay bales and some open space in the abbey's apse. A three-day Christian youth event prompted this temporary renovation. Perhaps the lost 11th commandment read "Thou shalt skate indoors on four wheels." (EXPRESS)

HUNTING

Fishy Coincidence

Two lucky spearers have defied the odds and caught rare white sturgeon on the same day. Department of Natu-

ral Resources biologist Ron Bruch said about one in 10,000 lake sturgeon are white, and until Tuesday none had been caught in more than 10 years. Tuesday's catches came on Lake Winnebago's eastern shore. Joseph Gerbyshak, 24,

caught one white sturgeon, and 54-year-old Sue Muetzelburg of Fond du Lac, Wis., nabbed the other. Muetzelburg said she first thought the pale fish was sick. She plans to mount the head, and fillet and smoke the rest. (AP)

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Nation

Clergymen Tell Burris To Resign

Senator's spokesman urges public to resist a 'rush to judgment'

CHICAGO | A group of black ministers who previously supported Illinois Sen. Roland Burris now plan to ask for his resignation, one of the ministers told The Associated Press Thursday. Many of the city's influential black pastors supported Burris because of his scandal-free reputation — even though he was appointed by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich after the governor was arrested.

But, prompted by revelations that Burris attempted to raise money for Blagojevich while seeking the Senate job vacated by President Obama, some of those pastors will ask Burris to resign, according to the minister, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a meeting with Burris had not yet been scheduled.

Burris spokesman Jim O'Connor would not say whether the senator would meet with the ministers, and referred to Burris' previous pleas that fellow politicians and constituents alike "stop the rush to judgment." (AP)



Burris

Dow Index Dives to a Six-Year Low

Investors see no end in sight for the nation's many financial woes

NEW YORK | An important psychological barrier gave way on Wall Street Thursday as the Dow Jones industrials fell to their lowest level in more than six years.

The Dow broke through a bottom reached in November, pulled down by sharp declines in key financial shares. It was the lowest

ending for the Dow since Oct. 9, 2002, when the last bear market bottomed out.

The move below that level dashed hopes that the doldrums of November would mark the ending point of a long slump in the market, which is now nearly halfway below the peak levels reached in October 2007.

The market's inability to rally also signals that investors see no immediate end for the recession, which is already 14 months old and

“[The drop is] definitely, definitely a blow to [investors'] psychology.”

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one of the most severe in decades. “It is definitely, definitely a blow to [investors'] psychology,” said

Quincy Crosby, chief investment strategist at the Hartford. “There is more pessimism in the market as to when the economy is going to pick up steam.”

The Dow lost 89.68, or 1.2 percent, to end at 7,465.95.

Dan Cook, senior market analyst at IG Markets, said the Dow's move lower is unnerving to investors.

“It's kind of like if we're walking across a frozen pond. If that ice starts to crack a bit, we're going to be very wary,” he said. TIM PARADIS (AP)

COLUMBIA, S.C. | SPOT THE NEW ADDITION



NECK AND NECK: The newest addition to Columbia's Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, a 10-day-old giraffe named Lewis, is seen Thursday with his mother, Sharon. Senior zookeeper Andrea Mueller said Lewis was born on Feb. 9 and was walking around only an hour after his birth. Lewis is the first giraffe to be born at the Riverbanks Zoo in nine years.

FBI Tracks Down Banker in Va. in \$8B Fraud Case

WASHINGTON | Texas financier R. Allen Stanford was tracked down Thursday in Virginia, where FBI



Stanford

agents served him with legal papers in a fraud case. FBI agents, acting at the request of the Securities and Exchange Commission, served Stanford papers in Fredericksburg, Va.

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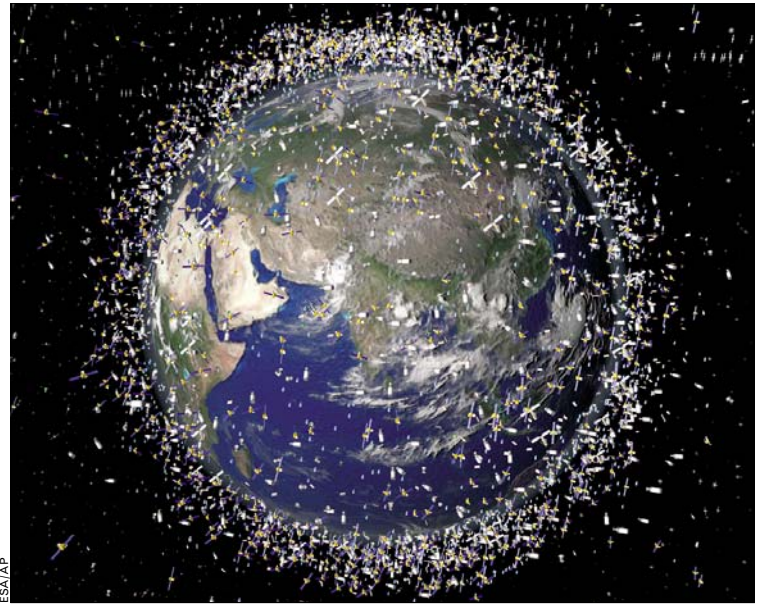
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This image from the European Space Agency shows an artist's impression of the debris that orbits Earth. Scientists fear collisions of space junk may increase.

Debris That Orbits Earth Is a Concern

Satellite collision may have added 1,000 new pieces of space junk

SCIENCE | Think of it as a galactic garbage dump.

With a recent satellite collision still fresh on people's minds, participants at a meeting in the Austrian capital of Vienna this week are discussing ways to deal with space debris — junk that is clogging up the orbit around the Earth.

Some suggest a cosmic cleanup is the way to go. Others say time, energy and funds are better spent on minimizing the likelihood of future crashes by improving information sharing. Some even argue a cleanup is impossible.

The informal discussions on the sidelines of a meeting of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space arose from concern about the collision of a derelict Russian spacecraft and a working U.S. Iridium comm-

cial satellite.

The Feb. 10 incident generated space junk that could circle the Earth and threaten other satellites for the next 10,000 years and added

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The number of objects, in thousands, that are currently orbiting Earth, according to a NASA scientist.

to the already worrying amount of debris surrounding the planet.

Nicholas L. Johnson, NASA's chief scientist for orbital debris, said about 19,000 objects are present in the low and high orbit around Earth — including about 900 satellites, but much of it is just plain junk.

He estimated that included in the 19,000 objects are about a thousand objects larger than 4 inches that were created by last week's satellite collision. He predicted that if more junk accumulates, the likelihood of similar collisions — currently very rare — will increase by the year 2050. VERONIKA OLEKSYN (AP)

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BY THE NUMBERS: As many as a quarter of Americans suffer from a food-borne illness each year, according to estimates from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency says only a fraction of those food-borne illnesses are ever linked to high-profile outbreaks such as the recent salmonella scare involving peanut products. (AP)



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World

Obama Treads Lightly in Canada

U.S. president doesn't discuss Afghanistan war, NAFTA changes

OTTAWA | President Obama stepped cautiously in his first foreign trip Thursday, refraining from asking Canada to rethink its plans to withdraw troops from Afghanistan and saying changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement can wait.

In a news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Obama acknowledged that he has said NAFTA does too little to protect U.S. workers and the environment. Canada, the United States' largest trading partner, is leery of changes to the deal.

Robust trade helps both nations,



Supporters of President Obama stand outside the Parliament building in Ottawa on Thursday as Obama meets with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Obama said. Noting that NAFTA has side agreements on labor and the environment, he added: "If those side agreements mean anything, then they might as well be incorporated into the main body of the agreements so that they can be effectively enforced."

He said he hopes there eventually will be a way to do so "that is not disruptive to the extraordinarily important trade relationships" between the two nations.

In Afghanistan, Canada plans to pull its 2,500 combat troops from the volatile south in 2011. Obama is dispatching 17,000 more U.S. troops to the war zone.

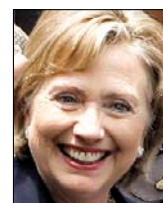
Obama said Thursday he did not press Harper to reconsider. He said he praised Canada for its sacrifices.

BEN FELLER (AP)

Clinton: Kim's Rule Uncertain

Secretary of state says U.S. fears a succession crisis in North Korea

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday that North Korea's leadership situation is uncertain and the United States is worried the Stalinist country may soon face a succession crisis to replace ailing dictator Kim Jong Il.



Clinton

Clinton said the Obama administration

is deeply concerned that a potential change in Pyongyang's ruling structure could raise already heightened tensions between North Korea and its neighbors as potential successors to Kim jockey for power.

Her comments, made to reporters during a flight to South Korea from Indonesia, were a rare, if not unprecedented, public acknowledgment from a senior U.S. official that North Korea may be preparing for a leadership change after reports that Kim had a stroke last year.

Clinton said South Korea is particularly worried "about what's up in North Korea, what the succession could be, what it means for them."

MATTHEW LEE (AP)

3 Acquitted in Politkovskaya Case

Jury declares suspects not guilty in '06 killing of Russian journalist

MOSCOW | A jury in Moscow voted unanimously Thursday to acquit three men in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya, dimming hopes for justice in a case that has mocked Russia's claims to be a modern democratic nation.

The 2006 slaying of the investigative reporter sent a grim signal to other dissenters in Russia, proving



Two of the men acquitted in the killing of a journalist, left and right, leave court.

that even prominent Kremlin critics could be killed.

And it provoked international outrage, raising suspicions that her death was ordered by top public officials.

A jury acquitted two Chechen brothers and an ex-cop. All three were suspected of playing minor roles in the killing. A suspected triggerman, a third brother, has



Politkovskaya

not been found.

Politkovskaya was shot five times in the elevator of her Moscow apartment building on Oct. 7, 2006, after a trip to the supermarket.

In her articles, Politkovskaya had attacked some of Russia's most powerful political leaders. She was a ferocious critic of former president and current Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, on whose birthday the 48-year-old journalist was slain.

During the trial, Politkovskaya's supporters said, prosecutors put together a feeble case — never bothering to offer a formal theory of who might have paid for the suspected contract slaying, or why. (AP)



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World



" Hamas has to change its policies. There is no change in our policy."

—Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., during a visit Thursday to the remains of the American International School in the Gaza Strip, which an Israeli attack destroyed in January. Kerry did not meet with Hamas, which the U.S. shuns as a terrorist group.

Anti-Arab Israeli Backs Former PM

Key politician's support means Netanyahu-led government is likely

JERUSALEM | Benjamin Netanyahu won the endorsement Thursday of an anti-Arab politician who emerged from Israel's election as a kingmaker, virtually ensuring that the hawkish, U.S.-educated politician will again become prime minister.

While announcing support for Netanyahu, Yisrael Beiteinu leader Avigdor Lieberman said he preferred a national unity government over a narrow coalition of right-wingers.

The big question is whether Netanyahu will be able to build the broad coalition he will likely need to stay in power and avoid clashing with the Obama administration and much of the world.

With his top rival, centrist Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, signaling that she would enter the opposition, Netanyahu's prospects for such a coalition do not look good. He will probably have little choice but to forge a coalition with nationalist and religious parties opposed to peacemaking with the Palestinians and Israel's other Arab neighbors.

One major Orthodox Jewish



Israeli politician Avigdor Lieberman speaks in Jerusalem on Thursday.

ISRAEL'S KINGMAKER

→ Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beiteinu (Israel Is Our Home) party finished third in the Feb. 10 vote.
→ That essentially allowed him to determine whether Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud or Tzipi Livni's Kadima would head a majority in the 120-seat parliament.
→ Though many see him as a far-right extremist, Lieberman's opposition to the Orthodox Jewish establishment's control of aspects of public life has helped him connect with moderates. (AP)

party, Shas, also threw its support to Netanyahu, joining a group of similar movements that did the same.

"Today, the foundations were laid for an extremist right-wing government under the leadership of Netanyahu," Livni said in a text message to 80,000 members of her Kadima party. "That is not our way and there is nothing for us in such a government. ... We must be an alternative of hope and go into opposition."

Livni seeks a negotiated settlement with the Palestinians, a position the Obama administration supports, while Lieberman has drawn opprobrium with his call for Israel's 1 million Arabs to swear allegiance to the Jewish state or lose their citizenship. STEVEN GUTKIN (AP)

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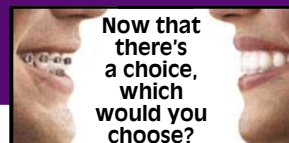
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RICHMOND | The Virginia General Assembly gave its final approval Thursday to legislation that bans smoking in most of the state's bars and restaurants, representing a critical victory for Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, Democrat, and a significant political and cultural shift for a state whose history has been intertwined with tobacco for centuries.

Just hours after the Virginia Senate approved the measure Thursday morning, the House voted it through

60-39 without debate.

Virginia has repeatedly resisted efforts to curtail smoking in public places, even as health concerns over secondhand smoke prompted 23 other states and the District to start enacting prohibitions.



Kaine

The Republican-controlled House has been a choke point for years because of the strong influence of rural lawmakers who consider tobacco a critical ingredient in the state's economy, and because of their resistance to

imposing limits on personal freedom. In Virginia, where one in every five adults is a smoker, government restrictions on smoking in private establishments have been limited to day-care centers, certain large retail stores, doctors' offices and hospitals.

The ban covers most restaurants and bars, but permits smoking in private clubs and in establishments that construct separately ventilated enclosed smoking rooms for patrons. Neither the anti-smoking movement nor the tobacco industry was thrilled with the compromise plan. The ban will go into effect Dec. 1.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Metro GM Proposes Service Cuts

Catoe recommends bus, rail reductions to close budget deficit

Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. on Thursday recommended a preliminary package of bus and train service reductions to help close the agency's budget deficit, even as managers outlined how they had found more revenue and expense cuts to shrink the gap from \$73 million to about \$29 million.

The \$29 million figure does not include any service cuts outlined Thursday. Those cuts total about \$21 million. The board will hold a special budget session in early March to decide what, if any service cuts, will be set for public hearings.

The service proposals include eliminating overlapping bus service on 36 routes regionwide where most



Metro workers try to fix a problem in a tunnel at the Court House Metro station Thursday. Two Orange Line track derailments slowed service throughout the day.

riders have alternate service; widening the gap between bus arrivals on about four dozen routes; widening the gap between train arrivals on the fringes of rush hour, week-

nights, midday and Saturdays; and closing some low-use entrances at six stations on weekends and at five stations on weeknights.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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| Mid-day Lucky Numbers | 1-4-2 |
| Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) | 3-5-7 |
| Mid-day DC 4 | 0-9-1-8 |
| Evening DC 4 (Wed.) | 4-7-0-7 |
| Rolling Cash Five (Wed.) | 3-23-26-29-30 |
| Daily 6 (Wed.) | 1-2-5-10-23-31 Bonus: 9 |
| Hot Lotto (Wed.) | 1-4-17-31-35 (18) |

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| Mid-day Pick 3 | 6-3-9 |
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| Mid-day Pick 4 | 4-3-8-2 |
| Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) | 0-6-9-0 |
| Match 5 (Wed.) | 6-11-23-25-30 Bonus: 14 |
| Lotto (Wed.) | 4-6-15-17-24-29 |

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| Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.) | 3-6-1 |
| Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) | 1-1-8 |
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| Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) | 0-6-1-7 |
| Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) | 4-5-6-13-20 |
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The number of Americans, in millions, currently receiving regular unemployment benefits, the Labor Department reported Thursday. The number jumps to 6.54 million when the people who are getting extended jobless benefits are included in the count.

U.S. Puts Pressure on Swiss Bank

Government claims Americans are hiding their assets in UBS

WASHINGTON | A government lawsuit Thursday seeks the identities of tens of thousands of possible U.S. tax cheats who allegedly hid billions of dollars in assets at the Swiss-based bank UBS AG. A defiant Swiss president pledged to maintain his country's bank secrecy laws.

In the suit filed in Miami, the



The Obama administration is suing UBS to get access to a list of U.S. customers.

Obama administration wants UBS to turn over information on as many as 52,000 U.S. custom-

ers who concealed their accounts from the U.S. government in violation of tax laws.

"At a time when millions of Americans are losing their jobs, their homes and their health care, it is appalling that more than 50,000 of the wealthiest among us have actively sought to evade their civil and legal duty to pay taxes," the acting assistant attorney general, John DiCicco, said in a statement.

A deal announced Wednesday provides access to 250 to 300 UBS customers who used Swiss bank secrecy laws to hide assets. To avoid prosecution, UBS agreed to pay

\$780 million. The bank's chairman, Peter Kurer, said UBS accepted "full responsibility" for helping its U.S. clients conceal assets from the Internal Revenue Service.

But that does not mean the bank is about to fork over information on thousands of accounts.

On Wednesday, the government claimed in court papers there were close to 20,000 U.S. clients who hid assets through the UBS program. A day later, the number had climbed to 52,000. U.S. officials offered no immediate explanation for the revised estimate, but it was another sign they are increasing the pressure on the bank. DEVLIN BARRETT (AP)

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Take two: Maryland has revenge on its mind with games against Tyler Hansbrough-led North Carolina and Duke on the horizon | **13**

Sports Weekend

From the Ground Up

The Capitals' decision to rebuild 5 years ago led to a stellar season

CAPITALS | With the Washington Capitals sitting comfortably atop the Southeast Division standings, on pace for the best record in franchise history, it's easy to overlook that the foundation of this spectacular season was laid almost five years ago.

“We have shown our loyalty to our own players and they are responding in kind.”

TED LEONISIS, CAPITALS OWNER

On Feb. 27, 2004, the Capitals were mired in last place within the division, sporting an ugly 19-34-8 record, and decided to cut their final lifeline by trading Robert Lang, who was then tied for the league lead in points, to Detroit. In return, the Caps got a seldom-heard-of junior league prospect named Tomas Fleischmann and a first- and second-round pick in the 2004 draft.

That season, Capitals GM George McPhee also traded veterans Jaromir

Jagr, Peter Bondra, Sergei Gonchar and Steve Konowalchuk for then-unknown youngsters and draft picks.

Stockpiling prospects and draft picks, and, in general, building from within was a complete change of course for the organization, which had relied on replenishing its roster with splashy free agent signings after a surprising run to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1998.

But the team's patience since 2004 is now finally being rewarded heading into Friday's matchup with Colorado and Sunday's nationally televised matinee against Pittsburgh. Fleischmann has had a breakout year with 16 goals, and the first-round pick from the Lang trade resulted in the selection of defenseman Mike Green, who leads all NHL blueliners in points and goals this season.

The Capitals have also been prudent with their first-round picks, selecting stars such as Green, Alex Ovechkin, Alexander Semin, and Nicklas Backstrom in recent years. In fact, the Caps have more of their own top picks on the active roster (eight) than any other NHL team.

“We have shown our loyalty to our own players and they are responding in kind,” wrote team owner Ted Leonsis on his blog, Ted's Take, on Wednesday. **MARK GIANNOTTO**

KEY PERSONNEL MOVES

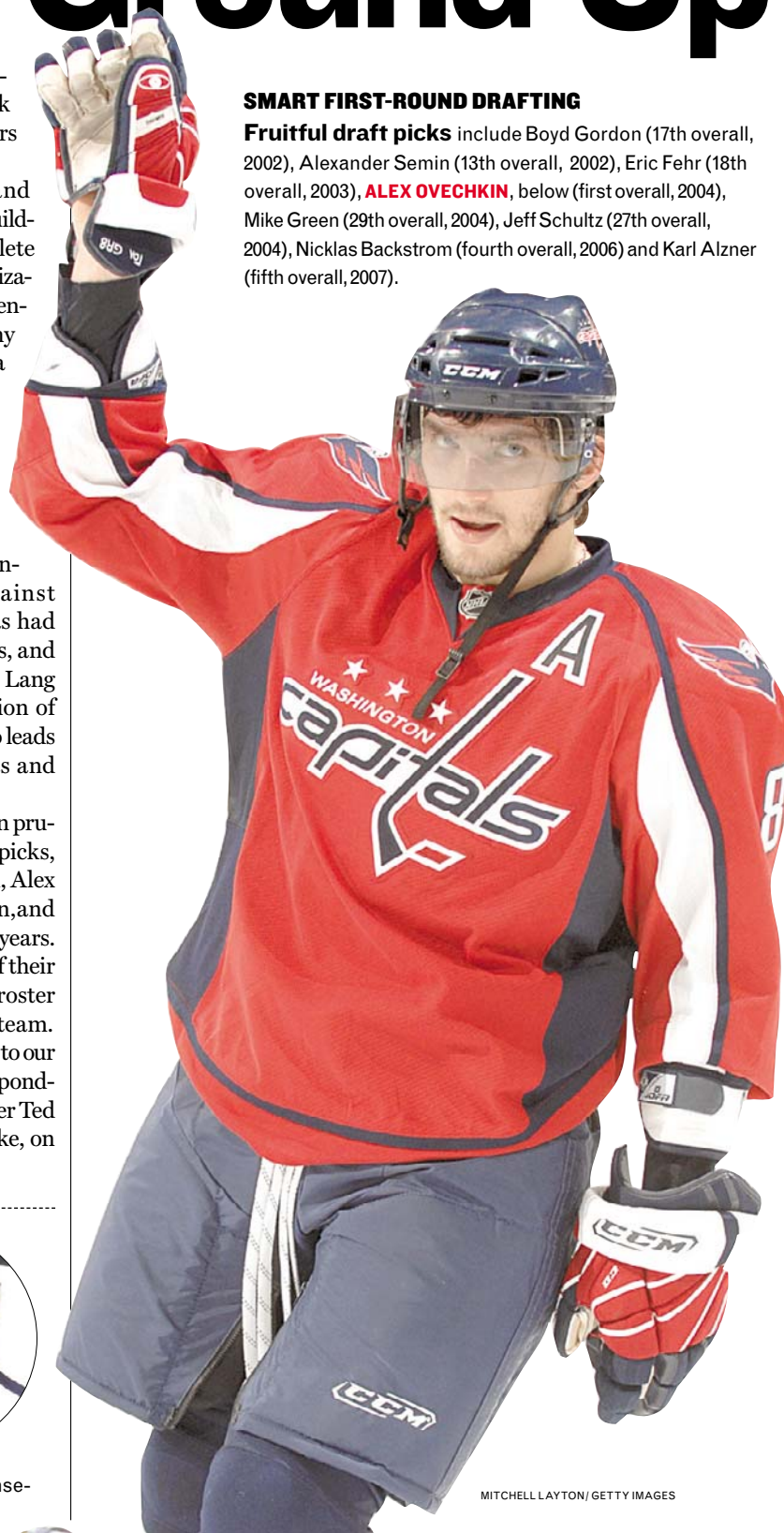
→ **Feb. 27, 2004, trade:** Caps trade Robert Lang to the Detroit Red Wings for Tomas Fleischmann and a 2004 first- and second-round pick. The first-round pick turned into defenseman **MIKE GREEN**, right.

→ **Mar. 3, 2004, trade:** Caps trade Sergei Gonchar for defenseman Shaone Morrisson and 2004 first- and second-round pick. The first-round pick turned into defenseman Jeff Schultz.



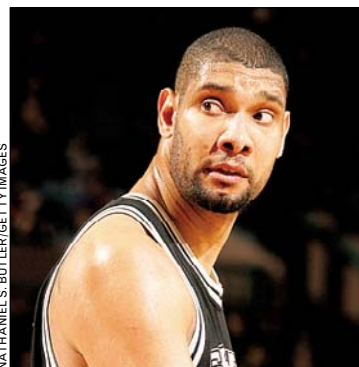
SMART FIRST-ROUND DRAFTING

Fruitful draft picks include Boyd Gordon (17th overall, 2002), Alexander Semin (13th overall, 2002), Eric Fehr (18th overall, 2003), **ALEX OVECHKIN**, below (first overall, 2004), Mike Green (29th overall, 2004), Jeff Schultz (27th overall, 2004), Nicklas Backstrom (fourth overall, 2006) and Karl Alzner (fifth overall, 2007).



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TV Lineup



Tim Duncan is a tall obstacle for the Wizards to overcome on Saturday night.

friday

7 P.M. What does Alex Ovechkin have up his sleeve when the Capitals host the Montreal Canadiens? CSN

8 P.M. Still intact after the trading deadline, the woeful Wizards take on the New Jersey Nets. CSN+

8 P.M. The Mavericks and Rockets square off in Game I of an NBA double-header, followed by the Lakers' hosting the Hornets. ESPN

saturday

2 P.M. Georgetown demolished South Florida on Wednesday. Can it build off that against No. 10 Marquette? ESPN

3:30 P.M. A win may be out of the question, but can Maryland's men's basketball team stay competitive against No. 3 North Carolina? ABC

8 P.M. Tim Duncan and the Spurs come to town looking for a win against the Wizards. CSN

sunday

12:30 P.M. The Capitals and the Penguins face off in a game with tons of star power. NBC

5 P.M. No. 9 Maryland's women's basketball team can take a big step toward winning the ACC title with a victory against Duke. CSN

5 P.M. After a rain-shortened Daytona 500, NASCAR is probably hoping for a full race during the Auto Club 500 at Fontana, Calif. FOX

7:30 P.M. Top 10 men's college basketball teams Wake Forest and Duke square off at Cameron Indoor Stadium. CSN

SPORT | What Facebook friends are for Lance Armstrong's time-trial bike was found Wednesday, four days after it disappeared from the Team Astana truck after he used it before Stage I of the Tour of California. Officers said a local resident brought the custom bike, worth



about \$10,000, to police headquarters. More than 900 people had enlisted in a search for the bike through a Facebook group, “I Million Citizens Looking for Lance Armstrong's Stolen Bike.” The search was set up by Rob Quigley, who works in California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office. (AP)

Weekend Sports

DISCUSSIONS

BOZ ON NATS

Hi, Boz: I'm 47 years old, but I have an ID that says I'm 16. Do you think I can get \$1.4 mil out of the Nats? Probably. But if you were 61, you'd have a better chance. All you'd have to do is reverse the numbers.

What more does Jim Bowden have to do before he loses his job?

Not much. It's far more likely that he's just the primary sucker in all this than that he was any part of the scam. But this still lands on the center of his desk. Bowden lives and dies by his draft picks. He knows that if he gives a 20-year-old a huge bonus, the guy is almost certain to be a flop. That's a big black eye for Bowden — the last thing he wants.

Take a bow: Your nagging moved the Nats to sign Adam Dunn. What are you going to do for an encore?

For an encore, it sure would be nice if, using the Orioles' Nick Markakis' signing as a template (\$66 million/six years), they got a Ryan Zimmerman deal completed before his arbitration hearing.

How do you see the Odalis Perez situation working out?

Ignore him. Like the country song said: "If your phone don't ring, you'll know it's me."

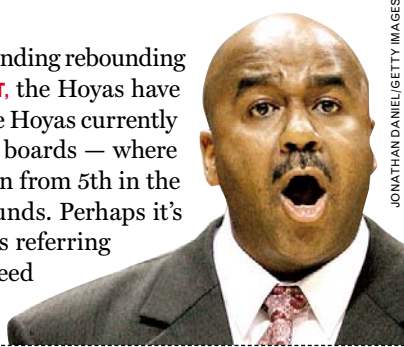


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Washington Post sports columnist Thomas Boswell is online every week to take your questions and comments about baseball.

1 The Big Problem

While Georgetown has never been an outstanding rebounding team under coach **JOHN THOMPSON III, RIGHT**, the Hoyas have gone from bad to nearly-worst this year. The Hoyas currently sit at the bottom of the league in offensive boards — where they were last year as well — but have fallen from 5th in the 2007-08 season to 13th grabbing defensive rebounds. Perhaps it's this statistic former coach John Thompson Jr. was referring to when he said earlier this season that the Hoyas need more "thugs" to help control the paint.



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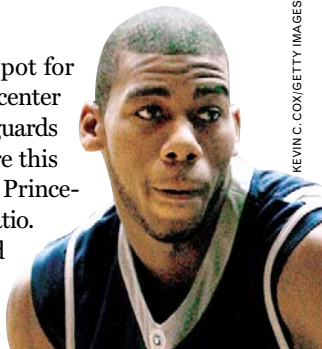
HOBBLING HOYAS

It wasn't supposed to be this way for Georgetown. The two-time defending Big East champions are on the verge of being left out of the NCAA tournament. A team capable of edging No. 5 Memphis in December, topping No. 1 Connecticut in Storrs, and crushing No. 24 Syracuse at home is 10th in the Big East. While all is not lost — a victory Saturday against Marquette and Monday versus Louisville would help solidify any bubble status — we look back at why the Hoyas are mired in this unexpected mess. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**

2 Young at Heart

Inexperience was an expected trouble spot for this year's Hoyas, who start one freshman (center **GREG MONROE, RIGHT**) and two sophomores (guards Chris Wright and Austin Freeman). Where this most translates in the younger Thompson's Princeton-style offense is the assist-to-turnover ratio.

Ranked fifth in the Big East a year ago, the Hoyas are now tied for 10th, averaging one assist more than turnovers committed per game. Just this week, Thompson noted his team had simply "relax and just play."



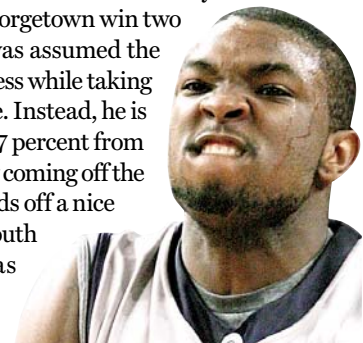
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3 Sapp's Swoon

JESSIE SAPP, RIGHT, was never more than a complementary player on the Hoyas led by Jeff Green, Roy Hibbert and Jonathan Wallace that went to the Final Four two years ago. But he made several key

shots in helping Georgetown win two Big East titles. It was assumed the guard would progress while taking on a leadership role. Instead, he is shooting a paltry 37 percent from the floor and is now coming off the bench. If Sapp builds off a nice showing against South Florida, the Hoyas may make a run.

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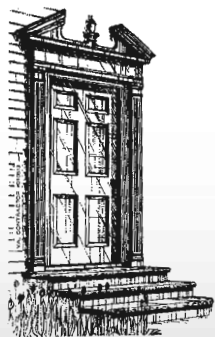


4 Drop in Defense

Georgetown is known for its motion offense, yet it's the defense that's been the difference in winning and losing the past two years. Last year's Hoyas gave up the fewest points of any team in the league and held opponents to the lowest shooting percentage. The team is a respectable 5th this season in scoring defense (64 points per game, up from last year's 58 point average) and 4th in field-goal percentage defense (.403 compared to .366). While small drop-offs, they make a big difference in a team that won seven games by less than 10 points a year ago.

5 Killer Conference

For any deficiency Georgetown may have, it's also important to note that the Big East may be the toughest conference this year, and possible of all-time. As many as nine Big East teams have been ranked in the Top 25 in one week — currently six are in the Associated Press' ranking — and ESPN's Bracketology currently projects eight league teams making the NCAA tournament (Georgetown is among the first four teams to miss the cut). Is it any wonder the Hoyas haven't won more than two straight games in league play?



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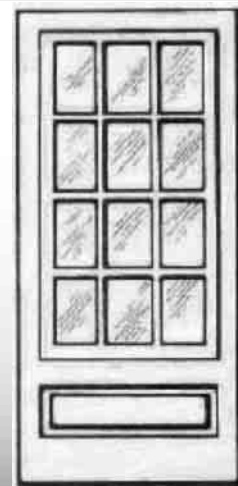
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Why to Watch the Wizards

1 Watch Javaris Crittendon. The three-team trade that brought Crittendon to Washington has been most notable so far for the addition of Mike James, who gave the Wizards (12-42) a scoring point guard in the starting lineup to replace injured Gilbert Arenas. But the key long-term piece was the 6-foot-5 Crittendon, who was a one-and-done player in college and gives them both size and athleticism at the point. He may not be a big numbers guy for the team over the last third of the season, but he will get a chance to build chemistry for the future.



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2 Will they "D" up? Interim coach Ed Tapscott harps on teaching opportunities. But one thing former head coach Eddie Jordan could never teach this Wizards team was defense. With nothing to play for — and the wrong personnel to play a Phoenix run-and-gun offense — there should be plenty of time to focus on hard-nosed D, especially for the younger role players who need to make a mark if they're going to be part of the team's future. No one expects them to evolve into a gritty, defense-first squad, but stopping other teams from shooting 48 percent from the floor would be a good start.

With no playoff-seed fight on the horizon for the first time in five years, Washington must be content with simply growing the players it has over the last 28 contests of the season, starting Friday in New Jersey. Here are five reasons to keep an eye on this year's lowly squad. **ERIC BRANDNER**

NO DEAL

As expected, the Wizards decided to stand pat at the trading deadline. ESPN reported rumors that the Cleveland Cavaliers were interested in acquiring either Caron Butler or Antawn Jamison, who have both been All-Stars in previous years.

3 Can "Tough Juice" stay healthy? The only way the season could get uglier is if one of the remaining Big Three had an extended stay in the infirmary. While Antawn Jamison has been relatively durable, Caron Butler hasn't played more than 63 games in a season since the 2005-06 campaign.

4 Friends to the end? Jamison questioned whether his teammates were playing scared after a particularly miserable loss to Denver the first week of February. Nights when they lose by 20 at home are going to spur responses like that, but the Wizards have had an affable locker room the last few years, even when times are tough. If discord were to seep in — which is unlikely — that would add another layer to the mess the Wizards have to dig themselves out of next season.

5 Will JaVale McGee get a regular run? When Tapscott took over, it was hard to figure out whether JaVale McGee was coming or going. The Wizards' first-round pick averaged 8.9 points in November and ascended to starter status, barely got off the bench during the holiday season, and is now back to playing double-digit minutes and averaging 9.6 points over the last seven games. With a top draft pick looking likely, along with the possibility of reshuffling the roster, the Wizards need an idea of what McGee can give them down the road.



McGee

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CAPITALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Ovechkin Looks Like MVP Again

FORGIVE SIDNEY CROSBY if he stops for a second just to watch Alex Ovechkin up close during Sunday's nationally televised game.

You see, Ovechkin has so surpassed the young star he is most often compared to that Sid the Kid seems to be standing still.

Meanwhile, the Capitals superstar is on his way to a second-straight most valuable player award.

The latest example of why Alex the Great is just that came on Wednesday night — and was probably replayed on dozens of computers in your office on Thursday.

After stealing the puck from the Canadiens, Ovechkin skated down

The latest example of why Alex the Great is just that came on Wednesday night.

the ice and somehow scored while sliding in front of the net.

Given Ovechkin's propensity for spectacular goals, you know it's something special when the shot has spurred so much attention so quickly.

That was the Russian's 42nd goal of the season — eight more than any other NHL player. He's scored at least one point in each of the past 10 games and is second to Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin in the league with 75 points.

And while the Penguins sport two superstars in Crosby and Malkin, they would not make the playoffs even if they started Thursday.

Ovechkin has propelled the Caps to second place in the Eastern Conference.

I don't see anyone more valuable to a team than Ovechkin. He'll likely have the hardware to prove it again soon.

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Terps Get 2nd Crack at ACC Powers

North Carolina, Duke games give Maryland a shot at redemption

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS | The beauty of ACC basketball is that if a team beats you early in conference play, even if it beats you soundly, you're likely going to play the team again.

In the next five days, the Maryland Terrapins will get two such opportunities when they host No. 3 North Carolina on Saturday and No. 9 Duke on Wednesday. Back-to-back games against the Tobacco Road powerhouses



Gary Williams brushed aside the Terps' lopsided loss to Clemson on Tuesday.

are sure to excite the College Park fans and their defiant coach, Gary Williams.

The Terrapins, though, lost to both teams in their first meetings: by 41 to Duke on Jan. 24 and by 17 to North Carolina on Feb. 3. As recent as those losses seem, Williams said, they have little bearing on the outcome of the second meetings. "A lot depends on how a team has changed or how they're playing," he said.

Since losing to North Carolina, Maryland (16-9) has won two of three but is coming off a 29-point loss to Clemson. "What happened?" Williams asked after the game. "Nothing's happened. You negative guys back at Maryland, just understand

that we're a good basketball team."

Since beating Maryland, North Carolina (24-2, 10-2 in the ACC) has won four straight. Since the most lopsided win against Maryland in the series' history, Duke (20-5, 7-4) has won only two of six games and fallen seven spots in the national rankings. Things are different now, and Williams hopes that plays to his team's advantage.

"You do know each other well, but a team could be completely different in terms of their mental approach to things — how they're playing, how you're playing," he said. **DEREK TURNER**

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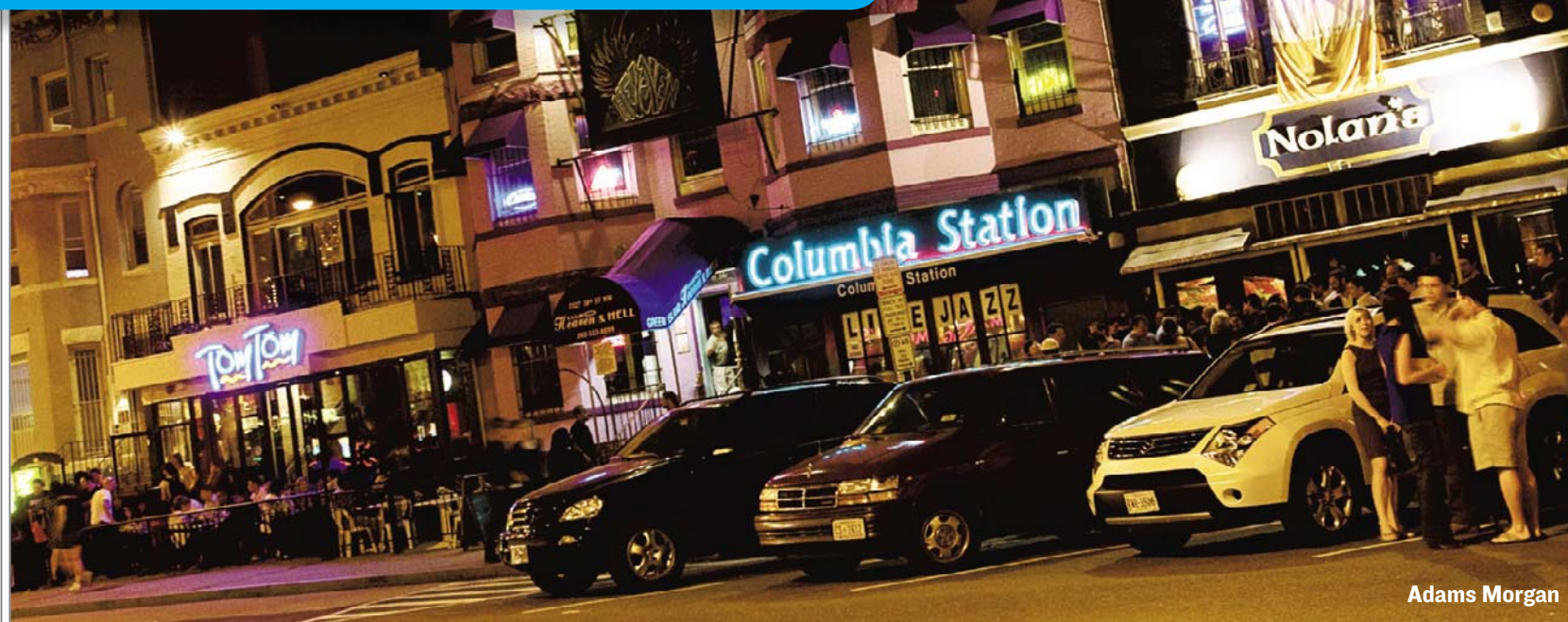


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Entertainment Weekend



THE FAVORITE: "Slumdog Millionaire," starring Dev Patel and Freida Pinto, is widely considered the front-runner in the best picture category at this year's Oscars.

Multiple Choice

Express predicts what the Academy's final answers will be

PICKS | "Slumdog Millionaire" will win best picture because:

A.) It really is the best movie; B.) The other contenders are lame; C.) The Oscars are fixed; D.) It is written.

Yes, it seems like the grand prize at Sunday's Academy Awards is a foregone conclusion for the little film that could. That doesn't mean there won't be some suspense late in the night, though.

But one thing this year's Oscars is missing is a film that drew audiences to theaters in droves.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" is the only one of the five best picture contenders to earn more than \$100 million.

Will that translate to poor ratings for host Hugh Jackman and the Hollywood elite? Probably. Regardless, as they are known to say in the industry, the show must go on.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Speaking of certainties, the show will hit a morose tone early when

Heath Ledger's name is called out as the winner for "The Dark Knight." It's too bad his death sealed up the victory; otherwise, this would be a really intriguing category. Josh Brolin ("Milk") probably stands the best chance of pulling a shocking upset, but that seems extremely unlikely.

SHOULD WIN: Heath Ledger

WILL WIN: Heath Ledger

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Woody Allen has been the golden touch for many an actor in the supporting categories over the years. Penelope Cruz ("Vicky Cristina Barcelona") is hoping that trend continues. Amy Adams ("Doubt") and previous winner Marisa Tomei ("The Wrestler") might interfere, but Allen's track record and Cruz's star power seem unstoppable.

SHOULD WIN: Amy Adams

WILL WIN: Penelope Cruz

BEST ACTOR:

Here's where the show gets interesting. Forget that there are five nominees — it's a two-horse race between Sean Penn ("Milk") and Mickey Rourke ("The Wrestler"). Arguments for Rourke in the mano-



Heath Ledger's "Dark Knight" performance may earn him posthumous gold.

a-mano duel include his comeback story. Penn's chances may be hurt from his previous win for "Mystic River," although his nomination stands as the best chance for "Milk" to strike gold. Rourke is the favorite, but Penn and his movie are better in virtually every way.

SHOULD WIN: Sean Penn

WILL WIN: Sean Penn

BEST ACTRESS

Once again, there is room for just two contenders: Kate Winslet ("The Reader") and Meryl Street ("Doubt"). Winslet has never won — she's becoming Susan Lucci-esque

— and has a Holocaust film on her side. Streep, on the other hand, gave the best performance of any actor — male or female — this year.

SHOULD WIN: Meryl Streep

WILL WIN: Kate Winslet

BEST DIRECTOR

While the award will be handed out for a 2008 film, it seems previous work may aid the recipient. David Fincher made "Seven" and "Fight Club" — two very dark films opposed to the romantic "Button." Gus Van Sant ("Milk") has a litany of strong independent films, as does Stephen Daldry ("The Reader"). Ron Howard ("Frost/Nixon") won for "A Beautiful Mind." That leaves Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire"), whose crowning achievement is "Trainspotting."

SHOULD WIN: Gus Van Sant

WILL WIN: Danny Boyle

BEST PICTURE

Despite 13 nominations, "Benjamin Button" could be on life support by this time. It's virtually certain to be shut out of the major categories, save best director and best picture. "Milk" would be a welcome surprise, but the best bet is the movie that's won all the big awards so far this season: "Slumdog Millionaire."

SHOULD WIN: "Milk"

WILL WIN: "Slumdog Millionaire."

Final answer: D. It is written.

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Brazil's not the only country hosting Carnival this week — there's international flavor all over town. Trinidad and Tobago's Carnival kicks off Monday with parades and musical competitions. Celebrate at **ZANZIBAR** tonight, where "Push Yuh Bumper" sees DJs Majestic and Shiloh International, and Spyda the DJ blasting the soca and calypso hits. Ladies get in free before 11 p.m.; everyone pays \$10 before midnight. (The price ominously goes up to "more later," so we'd suggest early arrival. Doors open at 9 p.m.)

In Germany, meanwhile, the Karneval season is hitting fever pitch, with parades, street concerts, fancy costumes and (of course) plenty of drinking before Ash Wednesday. While tonight's Black Tie Karneval Celebration at the **GERMAN EMBASSY** probably won't be as crazy as a night in Cologne, it includes everything you need for a great night out: live music, dancing, a DJ and plenty of German food and beer. Fancy dress — either costumes or formal wear — is requested.

SATURDAY

On inauguration night at Bohemian Caverns, David had an increasingly rare experience. A band took that

stage at Brightest Young Thing's all-night (and day) soiree, and he had absolutely no clue who it was. The vibe was laid-back but not lazy. After the band's set, David asked someone "in the know" who the band was and was told "the Laughing Man." And maybe it was all the vodka talking (er, slurring), but he was all, "Man, they were really, really good!" And he went and listened to the songs on the band's MySpace page and they actually were good. And now you can hear for yourself when the band plays Saturday night at the launch party for the third issue of Panda Head magazine. They have good taste in booking bands, so that's a plus. That party's free, and it's at **COMET PING PONG**.

Known for letting the monkeys out when he rips through electro, club and hip-hop sets on his many tours, Tittsworth will really be able to go full silverback gorilla on **IBIZA**'s big room sound system Saturday night for his birthday bash. Gavin Holland will be riding shotgun in dropping of all manner of inappropriate jams. Get that free-before-midnight action by signing up for the list and printing out passes from Ibizadc.com.

Itching to get a jump on Mardi Gras? That's probably a good idea, especially if you can't take next Wednesday off. You might need a day or two to recover from Mardi Gras Madness at the **FRONT PAGE**, where Dewey favorite Love Seed Mama Jump will be playing party hits around sets from Playboy Magazine-approved DJ Kay Jay. Expect the usual bead contests, feathered masks for the first 200 people through the door,

and a cover charge that starts at \$5 at 9 p.m. and rises steadily throughout the night.

At 23, Maimouna Youssef has long been identified with a voice beyond her years. One of the Baltimore soul scene's most significant jewels, she was exposed to a wider audience on the Roots' "Don't Feel Right" from the 2006 album "Game Theory." Because of her influences and wide range of professional collaborations, she can switch fluidly between jazz vocal styling, antebellum field hollers and hip-hop MCing. Youssef joins Akua Kyerematin and C. Love for Hot Buttered Soul at **MIRRORS** Saturday night.

We were pretty upset when Chick Hall's Surf Club was sold a year or so ago, because we thought that marked the end of one of the last true roadhouses in the area. But besides a name change to **SURF CLUB LIVE**, the Hyattsville spot is still serving up the best retro rock delights in the area. Saturday night's Winter Rock and Roll Party is headlined by rockabilly siren Marti Brom, a singer with a captivating voice with just the right amount of twang and heartbreak to give songs like "Unproclaimed Love" and "My Baby's Gone" the proper authority. Tonight she'll be backed by a variety of musicians, including local rockabilly stalwarts J.P. McDermott and Billy Hancock. Garage rockers the Hall Monitors will also take the stage for guitarist Ginger Richards' final show with the band.

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CORALINE (PG, 100 minutes) The movie, adapted from Neil Gaiman's enormously successful book of the same name, follows 11-year-old Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning), whose wish to replace the adults in her life leads to a nightmarish experience in a parallel universe. Director-writer Henry Selick doesn't reach for the kind of universality that would enrich the movie. It's a shame, because Fanning's performance is the movie's most emotionally persuasive element. (DT)

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG, 112 minutes) Is Rebecca Bloomwood the embodiment of irresponsible consumerism? Absolutely, which makes the timing of the film either genius or fatal, but two things weigh in its favor. One is Isla Fisher. The other is that the film is oblivious to its own gravitas. Rebecca is the Lucy Ricardo of profligate spending. She desperately wants to work for the fashion rag Alette magazine, run by the semi-satanic Alette Naylor (Kristin Scott Thomas). An opening has risen at a sister mag, a personal-finance jour-



DOOMED DAY: Derek Mears (on the shore) stars as Jason in "Friday the 13th."

nal edited by the dashing and secretly wealthy Luke Brandon (Hugh Dancy), and Rebecca lands the job. Rebecca may owe everybody for everything, but Fisher definitely owns the movie. (JA)

FRIDAY THE 13TH (R, 97 minutes) A group of hot friends stumbles into Camp Crystal Lake, where 29 years ago a young boy named Jason (Derek Mears) drowned, which prompted his mother to kill the counselors, which prompted a sole survivor to decapitate her, which prompted

Jason to return from the dead to continue the vengeful spree, which prompted an endless movie franchise, blah, blah, blah. The friends are murdered in horrible ways. One girl survives but is imprisoned by Jason. The story jumps forward a month. The captured girl's brother comes poking around Crystal Lake. While posting fliers for his missing sister, he hooks up with a group of hot friends heading to a cabin. The same fate awaits. The

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movie has a couple half-laughs, zero scares, only one moment of artistically inventive slaughter and just two scenes of marginal titillation. (DZ)

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13, 132 minutes) As the protagonists rehearse the movie's core philosophical questions, they wind up making a text of the subtext that lies just under the surface of most romantic comedies: romantic complaint. Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) throws herself headlong into every rela-



NO WAY! Naomi Watts and Clive Owen look fittingly alarmed in "The International."

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tionship she's in. After an encounter with a real estate agent named Conor (Kevin Connolly), she waits for the callback that's clearly never going to come. Janine (Jennifer Connolly) has a husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), who is distant when they talk about what color to paint a room, while Beth (Jennifer Aniston) has a boyfriend, Neil (Ben Affleck), who refuses to get married. Restaurant manager Alex (Justin Long) befriends Gigi and talks her through the messages that men routinely send women and that women routinely ignore. The film isn't a movie as much as a destination; it's the movie equivalent of a quick mani-pedi, with pleasures that go just about as deep and last just

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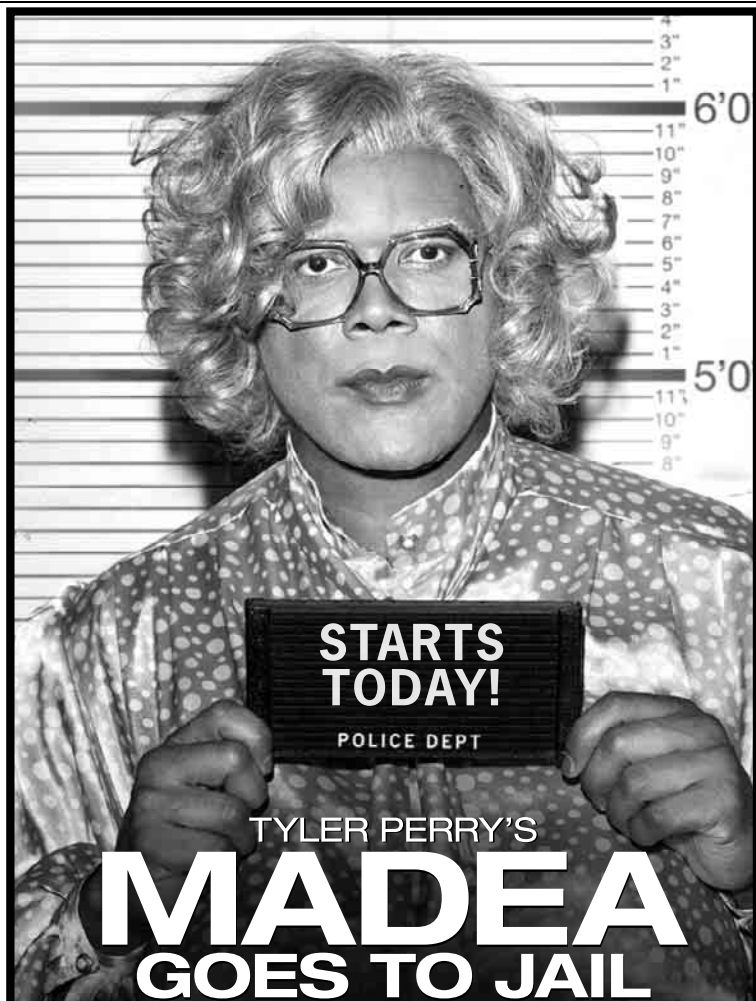
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about as long. (AH)

THE INTERNATIONAL (R, 116 minutes) Clive Owen plays Interpol agent Lou Salinger, a gruff, obsessed loner who for years has been on the trail of a corrupt bank. Now he's working with the Manhattan district attorney's office, specifically a comely assistant D.A. named Ella Whitman, played in an unobjectionable if undistinguished performance by Naomi Watts. Directed by Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run") with sober forthrightness, the film is in many ways a throwback

to the monochrome urban thrillers of the 1970s, with the added and topical twist of having a diabolical financial institution at its center. Garbled at times, the movie still hums along with attractive, smooth efficiency. The compulsively watchable Owen makes for an ideal leading man of both action and angst. The film's eye-popping set piece, a shoot-out at the Guggenheim Museum, is an extravagantly choreographed valentine to philistines everywhere. (AH)

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R, 121 minutes) The resourceful, unerringly grounded title character is Jamal Malik (Dev Patel), a lanky kid from the Mumbai slums whom we meet just after he wins

10 million rupees on India's own version of the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" TV show. Accused of cheating, Jamal is taken into custody by the Mumbai police, and he proceeds to tell them his story, a tale of one boy's decidedly unsentimental education by way of poverty, tribal strife, abandonment, exploitation, criminal gangs and star-crossed love. (AH)

TAKEN (PG-13, 94 minutes) The story of an ex-CIA spook (Liam Neeson) who trains his deadly skills on the Albanian slavers who have kidnapped his daughter, the film delivers action, car chases, gunfights and just enough queasy exploitation to make you feel bad about yourself afterward. Bryan Mills retired from

his CIA job to be closer to his daughter, 17-year-old Kim (Maggie Grace), who lives in California with her mother (Famke Janssen). Kim wants to spend the summer in Europe despite the qualms of her dad, who sees danger around every corner. Needless to say, Bryan is right: Kim is nabbed less than an hour after landing at Charles de Gaulle airport, and it falls to her father to rescue her. (DK)

THE WRESTLER (R, 109 minutes) As washed-up one-time ringmaster Randy "The Ram" Robinson, Mickey Rourke embodies the same tragedy of ego that afflicts his character. As good as Rourke is, his performance constantly begs the question of whether the story would be

worth telling without him. Marisa Tomei, as Cassidy the pole dancer, delivers a courageous performance; both Randy and Cassidy exist in fairly shadowy worlds that thrive on youth, and both are aging out. But in the broader sense, Randy is another in a long line of American screen characters who are facing the inevitable and can't ease their regrets. We feel for him. And we feel for us. Maybe that's enough. (JA)



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BIRDS OF THE SAME NAME FLOCK TOGETHER: Comedy Central has green-lighted seven episodes of "Michael and Michael Have Issues," a comedy series starring Michael Ian Black, pictured, and Michael Showalter. The show will premiere in July.



ON TV THIS WEEKEND

ON THE FRUMPIER SIDE
Titles can be misleading. If the single word **MISTRESSES** (8 p.m., and 9 p.m., BBC America, Fri.) makes you assume a steamy soap opera a la "Sex and the City" you are less than half right.

THUNDER STEALER
J.D.'s dad and champion may tarnish his son's big moment on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

WHISPERVILLE
A town full of secrets on **TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNOR CHRONICLES** (8 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

WAIT, WAIT — POUNCE!
Echo enters the world of hunting on **DOLLHOUSE** (9 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

PONZI AND POVERTY
Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., ABC, Fri.): Bernie Madoff and his world; an update on last weekend's report on Appalachian poverty.

NO GIVING IN
A deadlock on **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA** (10 p.m., Sci Fi, Fri.).

END OF AN ERA
The White Stripes appear on the final



LATER, RED: "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" is ending. Don't worry: He'll be back.

installment of **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC, Sat.). Conan will become the host of the "Tonight Show" on June 1, after Jay Leno airs his final show May 29.

INDIE MOMENTS
Steve Coogan hosts the **2009 INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARDS** (5 p.m., IFC, Sat.), the indie-film celebration that anticipates the

Oscars in more ways than one.

THE FINAL JOURNEY
Clearly made with love and respect, the cable original **TAKING CHANCE** (8 p.m., HBO, Sat.) is a challenging film in almost every way. Based on a true story set in 2004, the film stars Kevin Bacon as Marine Col. Michael Strobl, a Desert Storm veteran who offers to provide the personal

Marine escort for the remains of Marine Chance Phelps, who happened to be from his hometown.

ROM-COM FOR BROS
Will Smith and Kevin James star in the 2005 romantic comedy **HITCH** (8:30 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

X-TREME SPICE!
EXTREME CUISINE with Jeff Corwin (9 p.m., Food, Sat.) samples Thai food and culture.

THE OSCARETTE
In a tradition that has lasted for the better part of three decades, **THE BARBARA WALTERS SPECIAL** (7 p.m., ABC, Sun.) offers a pre-ceremony chat with folks who have a lot riding on the night's events, and a few celebrities who just happen to be popular at the moment.

AWARD ALTERNATIVE
You can't get much further from the Oscars than **HITLER'S HIDDEN CITY** (8 p.m., National Geographic), a documentary about a hidden network of tunnels and shelters built by the Nazis and closed since the fall of the Third Reich.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN
Hugh Jackman hosts the **81ST ACADEMY AWARDS** (8:30 p.m., ABC, Sun.). For more on the Oscars, see page 15.



Kevin Bacon as Col. Michael Strobl in "Taking Chance," on HBO Saturday.

IN A BUS?
Bill takes the family on a road trip to a sacred site on **BIG LOVE** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

PLEASE, SIR
OLIVER TWIST concludes on "Masterpiece" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.).

SEE IT TO UNDERSTAND IT
A shaggy dog story leads to an overture on **FLIGHT OF THE CONCHORDS** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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3 Film Nerd's Nirvana

Have 12 hours to kill? AMC's 2009 Best Picture Showcase is right up your alley. Viewers will be able to watch all five of the films nominated for the best picture Oscar this year back to back. The \$30 price grants filmgoers a full day's worth of nonstop films including "The Reader," "Milk," "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Frost/Nixon," plus all the popcorn you can eat. BRIAN AUSTIN

→ Select AMC theaters, Sat., 10:30 a.m., \$30.



On the Fly

It seems like every time you look up an awesome comedian — Tina Fey, Steve Carell, etc. — you find out that he or she started out with Second City. The legendary Chicago improv troupe is now on tour and coming to Wolf Trap. Now, there are certainly many people out there who would rather chew off their own arm than see improv comedy. That's OK. They can go to a ballet. But if you want improv, this is the good stuff. f.z.

→ The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Sat. and Sun., 7:30 p.m., \$20; 703-255-1900.

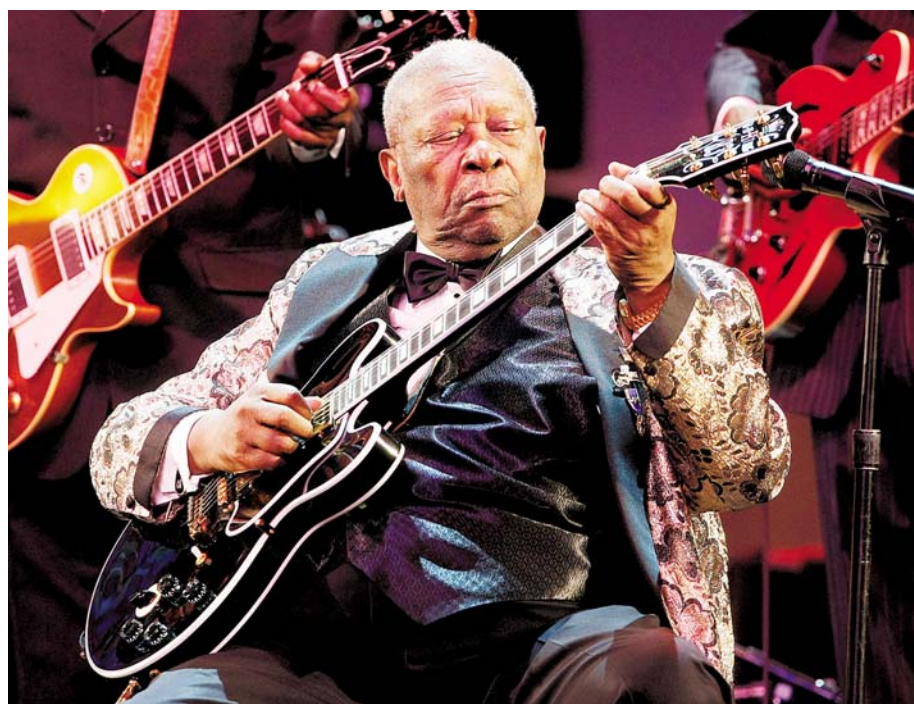
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4 Oh, What a Night

It's always an option to watch the Oscars on your couch. But where's the free popcorn in that? Head to EatBar, which will be showing "All About Eve" (best picture in 1950) and the awards ceremony — albeit on small screens. f.z.

→ EatBar, 2761 Washington Blvd., Arlington; Sun., 8 p.m., free; 703-778-9951.



Living Legends

This weekend, B.B. King and Buddy Guy will team up to perform at DAR Constitution Hall. These two are old-school, but they're far from has-beens: Last year, Guy was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame, and this year King's "One Kind Favor" won a Grammy for best traditional blues album. Still not convinced? Check out the duo in action. n.o.

→ Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., \$65-\$70; 202-628-4780. (Farragut West)



Jolly Good Fellow

Calvin Trillin is probably most famous for his New Yorker essays, but he's published several volumes of rhymed political poetry — and, yes, that's awesome. He's been a novelist and a journalist for decades, and he knows humor. It's not entirely clear what he has to do with Shakespeare, but nobody should make a fuss because Trillin is wonderful, and any venue that chooses to bring him to D.C. has our full support. f.z.

→ Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; Fri., 8 p.m., \$15; 202-544-4600. (Capitol South)

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Mardi Gras Really Takes the Cake

THE PHRASE "Mardi Gras party" can bring the bleary-eyed bead-chucking bonanza on New Orleans' Bourbon Street to mind. Sigh. That drunken debacle is often the most-talked-about attribute of the holiday. But let's mix it up, shall we? Try this: the King Cake.

Ask any native New Orleanian and they'll wax nostalgic about the baked treat served on Fat Tuesday. It's a bready cake that's stuffed with a cream cheese or fruit filling, and topped with vanilla icing and sprinkles of gold, purple and green sugar. Oh, and there's a wee, plastic baby baked inside. Chomping on the baby is rumored to bring good luck — provided you don't choke on it.

Hungry? (Because the thought of eating a plastic tot always whets the appetite.) It's a good thing several local spots are serving this sweet. **BARDIA'S NEW ORLEANS CAFE** (2412 18th St. NW; 202-234-0420) and **BUZZ BAKERY** (901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria; 703-600-2899) sell them for \$25 and request 48 hours' notice. Cafe owner Bardia Ferdouski adds that folks who come in Tuesday get a free slice with their meal. Cakes are \$20 at **LOUISIANA KITCHEN & BAYOU BAR** (4907 Cordell Ave.; 301-652-6945, 24 hours notice). At **ACADIANA** (901 New York Ave. NW; 202-408-8848) pastry chef Chris Hutcheson is doing them doughnut style (four for \$8), with cream cheese filling and a side of icing. But what about the baby?! "I am debating about nestling them in between the stack of donuts," he says. Whew.

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 335) 635 930

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Adv. Tix on Sale WATCHMEN
FIRED UP (PG-13) (1155 225 500) 715 950
TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (1150 100 220 340 450) 640 740 920 1020
OC: THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (1255 PM)
FRIDAY THE 13TH (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 125 240 400 510) 650 750 910 1010
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 1250 205 330 440) 630 730 900 1000
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (1215 245 515) 600 1035
PUSH (PG-13) (1240 335) 615 855
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (1220 120 315 420) 620 720 925

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (130 425) 655 930
CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (1135 210 445) 725 955
TAKEN (PG-13) (1140 200 435) 700 935
DEFIANCE (R) - ID REQ'D (105 PM)
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1235 355) 625 850
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (1200 230 505) 745
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13) (1415 PM) 805 PM

GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 710 1005
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 320) 610 905
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) - ID REQ'D 1025 PM

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TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (245 510) 740 1010
FIRED UP (PG-13) (1230 250 530) 750 1005
RW: THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (200 450) 745 1030
FRIDAY THE 13TH (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 110 240 340 500) 615 730 830 950
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (210 440) 710 940
RW: HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (120 420) 720 1015
CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (1250 320) 610 840
PUSH (PG-13) (230 520) 800 1035
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (150 410) 700 920
THE UNINVITED (PG-13) (820 PM)
TAKEN (PG-13) (1235 300 550) 810 1025
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (130 400) 630 850
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (1245 PM 310 PM) 600 PM
THE READER (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 330) 620 910
GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (100 350) 640 930
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (140 PM) 715 PM 1000 PM
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Adv. Tix on Sale WATCHMEN
TAKEN (PG-13) (120 455) 730 1015
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (100 400) 710 1005
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU - DP (PG-13) (145 440) 740 1035
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (115 430) 700 930
PUSH (PG-13) (140 420) 745 1030
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (130 PM 415 PM)
DOUBT (PG-13) (750 PM 1025 PM)
FROST NIXON (R) - ID REQ'D (125 435) 725 1020
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THE READER (R) - ID REQ'D (105 410) 715 1000
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Adv. Tix on Sale WATCHMEN
TYLER PERRY'S: MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG-13) (1130 1230 215 315 450 550) 730 830 1000 1100
FIRED UP (PG-13) (1100 145 415) 700 915
FRIDAY THE 13TH (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 100 240 340 500) 600 715 815 945 1045
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 210 455) 745 1030
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (1215 300) 630 900
PUSH (PG-13) (1225 310 545) 850
THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (150 425) 640 910
CORALINE - 3D (PG) ★ (1245 330) 615 845
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG-13) (115 405) 710 1015
TAKEN (PG-13) (1145 200 430) 650 930
PAUL BLART MALL COP (PG) (1150 220 505) 740 1005
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GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D 645 PM 950 PM

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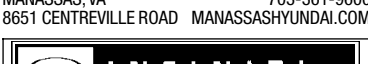
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 12:15

FIRE UP (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (10:25, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:30, 1:45, 2:35, 3:45, 4:40, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (11:20 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:00, 2:45, 4:35, 5:25, 7:10, 9:55

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 8:05, 10:40

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40, 12:25

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40, 12:25

CORALINE (PG) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:30, 11:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 2:30, 4:35, 5:35, 7:45, 10:50

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05

PUSH (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55, 12:30

TAKEN (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05, 12:20

THE UNINVITED (PG13) 8:10, 10:30

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) (11:25 @ \$6), 1:50, 7:25, 10:00, 12:20

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:35

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:05, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 12:15, 6:40

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CORALINE 3D (PG) (10:05 @ \$8), 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20, 11:00

FIRE UP (PG13) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:35, 10:55

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:10, 3:25, 4:45, 5:55, 7:20, 8:30, 10:00, 11:05

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 7:15, 9:45

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (11:25 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20

PUSH (PG13) (10:10 @ \$6), 3:00, 7:50

TAKEN (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45

THE UNINVITED (PG13) 12:45, 5:35, 10:40

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (10:25 AM @ \$6), 12:55 PM

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:40, 10:30

GRAN TORINO (R) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:30

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DIGITAL 3D
CORALINE 3D (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

FIRE UP (PG13) / 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) / 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) / 12:00, 1:20, 2:35, 4:00, 5:15, 6:45, 8:00, 10:45

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) / 12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) / 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:05, 4:10, 7:15, 10:25

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05

PUSH (PG13) 10:30 PM

TAKEN (PG13) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15, 10:50

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 3:10, 6:50, 10:25

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:45, 10:40

THE WRESTLER (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

GRAN TORINO (R) 9:30 PM

THE READER (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:55

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CORALINE 3D (PG) (11:15 @ \$8), 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40, 12:05

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
THE INTERNATIONAL (R) / (10:30 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10

PUSH (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25

FIRE UP (PG13) / (11:30 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 11:45

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) / (10:15, 11:00, 11:45 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:30, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:10, 9:55, 10:40, 11:50

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) / (10:50 @ \$6), 1:30, 2:20, 4:10, 5:05, 6:50, 7:40, 9:25

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) / (11:10 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:00, 11:35

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:55, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:55, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20

TAKEN (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45, 12:00

THE UNINVITED (PG13) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R) 10:30 PM

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:55

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

GRAN TORINO (R) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50

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CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) / 12:00, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) / 12:05, 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:10

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) / 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

CORALINE (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20

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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

PUSH (PG13) 4:10, 10:15

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG13) 12:40, 6:50

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THE READER (R) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15

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CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) (11:45 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:45

CORALINE (PG) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:05, 10:05

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:05

PUSH (PG13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

TAKEN (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:35, 5:05, 7:30, 10:15

THE UNINVITED (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

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THE CLASS (PG13) / 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

MILK (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (R) 4:15, 9:45

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40

THE WRESTLER (R) 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00

THE READER (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55

DOUBT (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 1:35, 7:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

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DIGITAL 3D
CORALINE 3D (PG) (9:25 @ \$8), 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:55, 10:25, 12:50

FIRE UP (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40, 11:55

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05, 12:40

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) (9:15, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:35, 12:30

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) (9:45, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:45, 2:30, 4:25, 5:20, 7:15, 8:20, 9:50, 10:50, 12:20

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) (9:45 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:30, 5:20, 8:20, 10:50

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30, 1:05

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:55 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:20, 11:40 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 11:50

PUSH (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:15, 1:00

TAKEN (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:55, 5:35, 7:50, 10:10, 12:35

THE UNINVITED (PG13) 9:55 PM, 12:15 AM

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40, 12:55

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) / (10:40 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00, 11:50

GRAN TORINO (R) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:00, 7:10

THE READER (R) / (9:10 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00

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CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10

CORALINE (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:50, 10:30

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HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

TAKEN (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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DIGITAL 3D
CORALINE 3D (PG) (11:10 @ \$8), 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30

DELHI-6 (NR-NOT RATED) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30

FIRE UP (PG13) / (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20

TYLER PERRY'S MADEA GOES TO JAIL (PG13) / (9:50, 11:15 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:35, 5:55, 7:20, 8:40, 10:00, 11:15

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) / (9:30, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:10, 10:40

FRIDAY THE 13TH (2009) (R) / (11:00 @ \$6), 1:25, 3:45, 5:05, 6:10, 7:30, 8:35, 9:50, 11:05

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) / (10:55 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:45, 7:55, 10:45

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) (9:45, 10:50 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:00, 3:50, 4:55, 8:00, 10:55

THE PINK PANTHER 2 (PG) (9:40 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

PUSH (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35

TAKEN (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:25, 10:50

THE UNINVITED (PG13) 9:40 PM

HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) (9:35 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:35

PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55

GRAN TORINO (R) 7:15, 10:05

THE READER (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25

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CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOLIC (PG) 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20

THE INTERNATIONAL (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05

THE READER (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10

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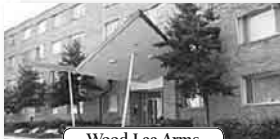
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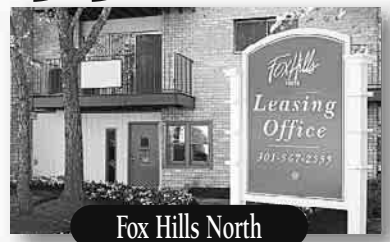
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CELLULOID SHINDIG: Make your Oscars fete award-worthy by organizing your snacks, booze and costumes around a fave nominated film, be it Indian food, left, for "Slumdog" lovers or retro suits for "Milk" fanatics.



Entertaining

Throw a cool Academy Awards bash inspired by nominated flicks

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Rooting for the cinematic spin on the F. Scott Fitzgerald story (set in New Orleans) in which Brad Pitt ages backward? Pick up some jambalaya and crawfish etouffee from Acadiana, and then shave a few years off your look. Hela Spa can send a team to your pad for a Botox bash. How close will you get to a Button-esque transformation? "About 75 percent closer than when you started," says the spa's Emily Villalva.

→ *Acadiana*, 901 New York Ave. NW; 202-408-8848.

→ *Hela Spa*, 3209 M St. NW; 202-333-4445; *Helaspa.com*.

Frost/Nixon

No, you can't check into the Watergate to watch the Oscars (it's under renovation). So, grab your fuzzy slippers and check out the red carpet in the same spot most folks saw the disgraced former president confess his sins to the British newsmen: in front of the tube. For a cushy perch, rent an Albany2559 recliner and a 60-inch plasma screen. "What good's the recliner if you don't have the television?" says Rent-A-Center's

The Curious Case of the Oscar Party

Like Brangelina's babies, Oscar nights can start to run together. Make this weekend's 81st Academy Awards ceremony one to remember by creating a party that captures your choice for best picture. MICHELE KAYAL

Barbara Thompson. Complete the mood with a TV dinner — yeah, they still package chicken, corn niblets and a brownie in airline trays.

→ *Rent-A-Center*, *Rentacenter.com*; 24 area locations. Recliners from \$56.28 per month; TVs from \$17 per month. Shorter-term rentals available.

Milk

You missed the Summer of Love, but you can capture San Fran's glory days by voting for "Milk," the story of the first openly gay man elected to a major office. Hop into the Remix



STEIN TIME: Drink German beer at your Oscar bash if you loved "The Reader."

for hip-huggers and the snazzy '70s suits Sean Penn wears once he reaches City Hall. "They have neat back and cuff details," says owner Stacey Ditata. When Milk is assassinated, the killer blames a sugar high, giving rise to the now-infamous "Twinkie defense." So, get a box — and don't forget the milk.

→ *The Remix*, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-547-0211.

The Reader

Cheering for the illiterate SS guard who enjoys readings of Homer?

If you loved 'The Reader,' serve German beer and some sauerkraut.

Turn on some atonal jazz and hang posters (try the National Gallery of Art Shop) by Chagall, Picasso and other "degenerates" banned by the Nazis. To-go bratwurst, sauerkraut and strudel from Cafe Mozart add to the fatherland feel. After a few Beck's beers, don a sheet and read "The Odyssey" aloud.

→ *National Gallery of Art Shop*, 600 6th St. NW; 202-842-6475.

→ *Cafe Mozart*, 1331 H St. NW; 202-347-5732.

Slumdog Millionaire

If you're pulling for Danny Boyle's surprise hit, invite Dhoonya Dance to bring India to your den. One lesson will give you enough Bollywood moves — pet the dog, screw in the light bulb — to groove like you're in Gujarat. Spice things up by dialing Indique Heights for some Indian street food: chicken kathi (kebabs rolled in bread) or oothapam (lentil-rice pancakes).

→ *Dhoonya Dance*, four D.C.-area locations; 703-678-8700; *Dhoonya-dance.com*.

→ *Indique Heights*, 2 Wisconsin Circle #202; Chevy Chase, Md.; 301-656-4822.

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SOUND BETS Bang Your Prog

Meshuggah, Cynic and the Faceless — three of the best progressive/technical death metal bands — will play the Recher Theatre in Towson, Md., Friday, and Beneath the Massacre and Neuraxi are playing Sonar in Baltimore Monday. Christopher Porter polishes up his devil horns in appreciation. | COMING UP



FILM Oscar-Worthy

Sunday's Academy Awards show will feature an unfunny host, some more garish outfits, many over-long speeches and at least one wrongly awarded statue. Still, Roxana Hadadi will tune in, if only to see whether her picks win. See her best movie and actor choices and add your own. | ONLINE NOW



WEEKEND PASS Online Edition

Did you miss yesterday's Weekend Pass supplement, offering info on the best entertainment events in the D.C. area? Just log onto Expressnightout.com to download yesterday's paper as a PDF, or scan the pages in our fancy online reader. | ONLINE NOW



poll center YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WAS THE NEW YORK POST'S CARTOON USING A CHIMP TO CRITICIZE THE STIMULUS BILL RACIST?



"It was racist — but, then again, I've seen far worse racist jokes on 'Family Guy.' There is no longer accounting for good taste and good sense with some of these comic cartoonists."

COMMENTER CMJR, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WAS THE NEW YORK POST'S CARTOON USING A CHIMP TO CRITICIZE THE STIMULUS BILL RACIST?"

"A monkey is a universally silly creature, and any of our illustrious government representatives and administrators in D.C. can be portrayed as such for comedy's sake."

COMMENTER DEMONFAFA, WHO ADDED, "IT WASN'T RACIST UPON CONCEPTION, IN MY VIEW, BUT RACIST UPON EXECUTION."

"[The fact] that the cartoon was violent and in poor taste is indisputable. Whether it was racist depends upon the cartoonist's intention."

COMMENTER DIOGENES, WHO ADDED, "UNTIL HE ADDRESSES THE ISSUE, NONE OF US CAN ANSWER DEFINITELY."

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT EXPRESSNIGHTOUT.COM/POLLCENTER

Blog LOG

"Finally, Verizon Wireless offers the ability to block calls and text messages from certain people. This is fabulous!"

CAPITOLHILL20210.BLOGSPOT.COM APPARENTLY HAS A LOT OF STALKERS AND IS HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO BLOCK UP TO 15 NUMBERS AT A TIME ON HER CELL PHONE.



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TWILIGHTEARTH.COM IS DISTRESSED BY CHINA'S EFFORTS TO ARTIFICIALLY CREATE A SNOWSTORM TO STAVE OFF THE COUNTRY'S LONGEST DROUGHT IN 38 YEARS.



"I became homeless last week. Burned out, not evicted. We who advocate for more affordable housing often use the word 'stability,' but I never understood what it means as I do now."

POVERTYANDPOLICY.WORDPRESS.COM IS HAVING A HARD TIME ADJUSTING TO LIFE AFTER LOSING HER HOME IN A FIRE.

"THIS IS THE SECOND time in three years that I have been [riding] Metro that its e-mail alert system has sent out vague communication in regards to a major delay caused by a derailment. WMATA, why can you not understand that for commuters to [make] their 'Plan B,' you need to describe the situation accurately?"

ANYTHING-PJ.BLOGSPOT.COM IS UNHAPPY ABOUT GETTING TWITTER MESSAGES FROM THE TRANSIT AGENCY EQUATING MINOR TRACK MAINTENANCE TO DERAILMENT ISSUES.

Discussions

Local Report

Metro columnist MARC FISHER was online Thursday and talked about a stadium for D.C. United in Prince George's County, Marion Barry's tax woes and Metro cuts.



I've attended about 50 D.C. United games over the years and have shirts and other

team stuff. I'm afraid I'm not the fan D.C. wants anymore. It's a shame; I spend money. That's a problem with suburban locations — they're great for the folks who live on that side of the city but problematic for those who live all the way on the other side. But that hasn't stopped the Red-

skins from selling out week after week. Fans will go to great lengths to see their teams.

I've lived in the D.C. metro area for many years. I'm tired of Marion Barry's being above the law. He should go to jail as any other citizen would for tax evasion.

Ah, but would the average citizen really go to jail for this offense? In a civil case, that tax scofflaw would have to pay severe penalties, and in fact, Barry in the last go-round was required to pay upward of \$200,000, which I believe has been garnished from his pay over time. In a criminal proceeding, there is the possibility of jail, but the reporting I've seen indicates that most such cases are resolved without imprisonment.

I know that John Catoe has ruled out Metro's closing early (at 10 p.m.), but for argument's sake,

let's say that this actually did come to fruition. Wouldn't a 10 p.m. Metro closure greatly impact D.C.'s night culture adversely? I mean, say a Nats or a Wizards game ran late, and you have umpteen thousand fans (who've been told till the cows come home to take Metro!) stranded and looking for cabs. Isn't a 10 p.m. closure totally counterproductive for D.C.?

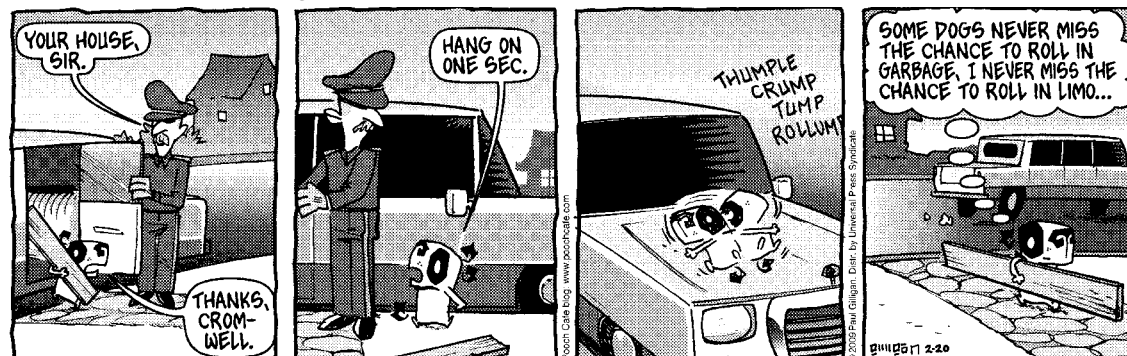
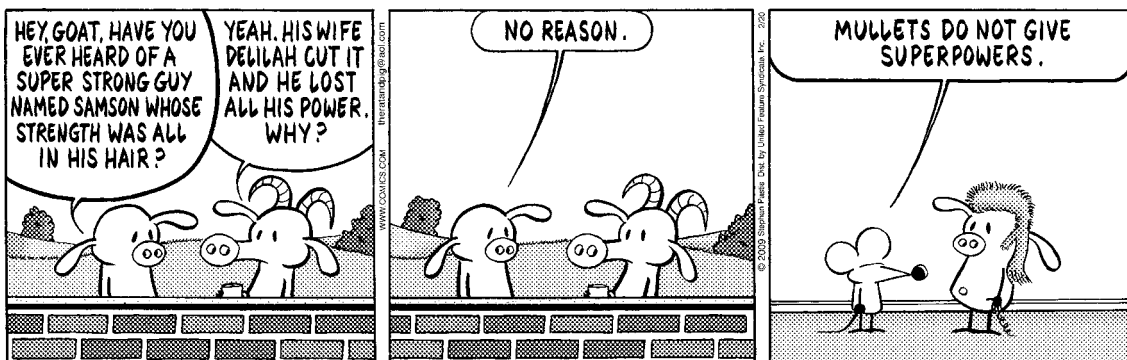
Yes, totally counterproductive and wildly unpopular, and it will not happen. Sure, there are likely to be service cuts, but as you point out, in a city where the hospitality industry is at the core of the economy, shutting down mobility for customers at night is nothing short of insane.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Budget Travel associate editor Laura MacNeil takes your questions on making the most of your honeymoon at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"It's easy. As my old English teacher used to say, just write what you know."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It may take you longer than usual to make up your mind when faced with an unexpected choice, but don't let yourself feel rushed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may not be feeling like yourself, whether you are suffering from physical symptoms or are emotionally unsettled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're feeling adventurous, even perhaps somewhat mischievous. You don't want to get yourself into anything unusually dangerous, however.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may realize that you're playing with fire in some way, and you're going to have to work hard to see that the flames do not spread.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An invitation comes your way that may require a little more thought than expected before you know whether to accept it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) While doing the

same old thing, you're likely to discover that there's something new at work under the surface.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to work hard to keep everything working at top efficiency. Many things have to be addressed at once.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your powers of reason will serve you well until you come up against a surprise development that quite simply defies all logic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Are you ready to do what has to be done? You've received instructions, but only you can determine whether you are fully prepared to begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What began as a difficult, even uncomfortable situation is getting better all the time, and you'll finally feel in control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't let your emotions rule your decision-making. It's important to keep things on an even keel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is a good day to tell it like it is — to friends, family members, co-workers and even casual acquaintances.



Glenn, right, is shown before the launch of the mission in which he orbited the Earth.

Today in History

1809 The Supreme Court, in *United States v. Peters*, rules that no state legislature can annul the judgments or determine the jurisdictions of federal courts.

1839 Congress prohibits dueling in the District of Columbia.

1944 During World War II, U.S. bombers begin raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became

known as Big Week.

1962 Astronaut John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the Earth as he flies aboard the Mercury spacecraft Friendship 7.

1999 Movie reviewer Gene Siskel dies at a hospital outside Chicago at age 53.

2003 A fire breaks out during a rock concert at the Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others.

LOOKout People



Winslet, clothed, in Berlin on Feb. 6.

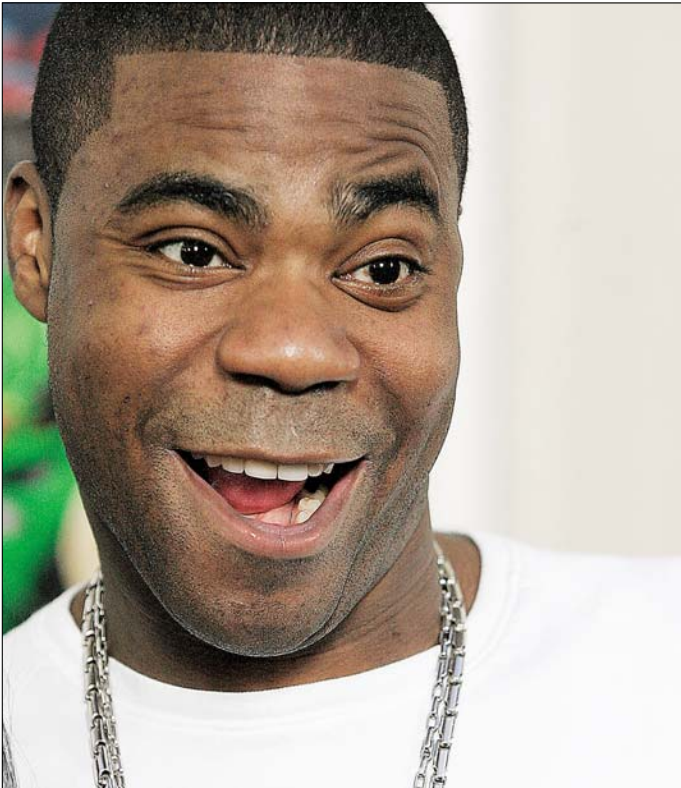
NUDITY
Virulent Strain of Modesty Detected; Studios Terrified

KATE WINSLET tells Time.com she's done with disrobing. "I think I won't do it again: a) I can't keep getting away with it, and b) I don't want to become 'that actress who always gets her kit off,'" says Winslet, who's appeared nude in 10 films. (EXPRESS)

POP MUSIC
Earth Trips Over Sun; Calendar Spins Back to 1997

The Smashing Pumpkins' JAMES IHA has announced he's part of a new band featuring Hanson's Taylor Hanson and Cheap Trick's Bun E. Carlos called Tinted Windows. Their first show is March 20 in Austin. (AP)

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DAN STEINBERG/AP

SMALL FIRE
Pet Project Tanks

A faulty fish tank light apparently sparked a fire in TRACY MORGAN's home. Firefighters were called to the comedian's Manhattan apartment Wednesday morning. Morgan says the fire was contained to the area around the aquarium. He says alarms went off, and "even the fish are OK." Water from sprinklers did damage the home of his neighbor Sherri Shepherd. (AP)



Fallon replaces Conan O'Brien on March 2.

HOSTS
Survey: Short Men Frequently Mistaken for Tall Redheads

If JIMMY FALLON is nervous about his new gig as "Late Night" host, he'll have heavyweights Robert De Niro and Van Morrison to lean on. They'll be the guests for Fallon's March 2 debut hosting the NBC late-night show. Fallon replaces Conan

O'Brien, who has his final show Friday before heading out west to take over "The Tonight Show" in June. Morrison will perform material from his praised "Astral Weeks" album. Tina Fey and Donald Trump will also appear during Fallon's first week on the job. (AP)

NEW COUPLE
Method Acting Class Held On Nightclub Furniture

Two of the hottest kids in the hottest ZIP code have been busted making out. "90210" co-stars ANNALYNNE MCCORD and Kellan Lutz were spotted snuggling at Cain Luxe, a nightclub in New York City. McCord, 21,



plays megabrat Naomi Clark, and Lutz, 23, is George Evans on the CW's popular soap. Lutz is also a featured cast member of "Twilight" and its sequel "New Moon." (EXPRESS)

ENGAGED
Kevin Arnold's Sweetheart Chooses Someone Else

"Wonder Years" star DANICA MCKELLAR is engaged. The former child star, who played Fred Savage's sweetheart Winnie Cooper on the '80s TV series, will wed visual effects artist Mike Verta on March 22 in La Jolla, Calif. She now works to promote math education. (EXPRESS)

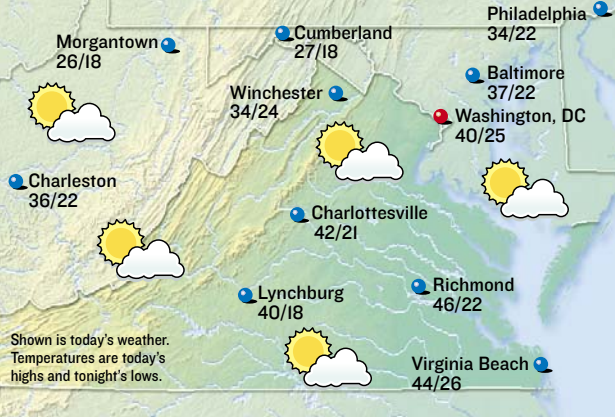


McKellar, left, is now free of cooties.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today: Mostly sunny, windy and chilly. 40°
Tonight: Mainly clear and cold. 25°
Saturday: Sun followed by clouds. 48° / 34°
Sunday: Colder with rain, may mix with snow. 42° / 25°
Monday: Breezy in the morning; sunny. 40° / 24°
Tuesday: Sunshine. 41° / 30°

Regional Weather



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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 50°
Low 40°
Normal high 48°
Normal low 30°
Average humidity 52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.04"
Month to date 0.23"
Normal month to date 1.72"
Year to date 2.91"
Last year to date 5.14"
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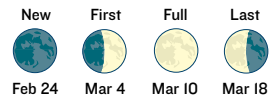
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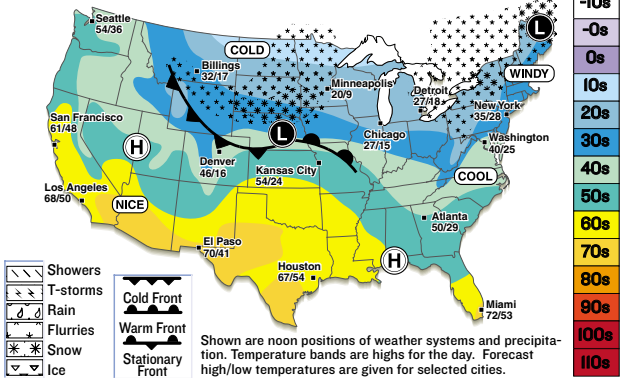
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, windy. High 40. Wind northwest 15-30 mph. Tonight, mainly clear, breezy. Low 25. Wind northwest 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:51 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:22 a.m.
Moonset today 1:41 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, February 20



National Cities

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| Atlanta | 50/29/s | 58/36/c |
| Boston | 36/27/sf | 39/29/pc |
| Chicago | 27/15/pc | 27/14/sn |
| Dallas | 68/46/s | 57/32/pc |
| Denver | 46/16/c | 42/20/pc |
| Honolulu | 76/63/pc | 78/65/c |
| Los Angeles | 68/50/s | 72/50/pc |
| Miami | 72/53/s | 75/65/s |
| New York City | 35/28/pc | 40/34/pc |
| Orlando | 60/37/s | 70/48/s |
| Seattle | 54/36/pc | 52/39/c |

World Cities

| City | Today | Sat. |
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| Amsterdam | 46/39/c | 45/40/c |
| Athens | 48/37/pc | 45/38/s |
| Berlin | 34/28/sn | 32/25/c |
| Buenos Aires | 91/64/t | 70/63/r |
| Calgary | 30/15/pc | 32/14/s |
| Dublin | 46/41/pc | 48/41/pc |
| Geneva | 39/32/pc | 38/33/c |
| Moscow | 27/21/sf | 25/16/sf |
| Rome | 48/34/s | 50/38/r |
| Sydney | 82/66/pc | 79/66/t |
| Tokyo | 54/41/r | 50/38/s |

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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KHALIL GIBRAN POEMS, Saharan sands and Byzantine scroll work all influence the jewelry of Cairo's Azza Fahmy. Well-known in the Middle East, she produces dramatic, luxe pieces — chunky pearl rings, gold and emerald bracelets worthy of a latter-day Scheherazade — which star in an exhibit opening Monday at the Kennedy Center (2700 F St. NW; Kennedy-center.org) as part of the Arabesque festival. Fahmy's bijoux (\$500 and up) are also for sale.

4 One Hot Cravat

LISTEN UP, GUYS: When it comes to spring trends, a light-hearted tie — knotted loosely at the neck, maybe paired with an untucked shirt — is one of the season's best looks. Hunt for casual-cool options with silk-screened accents or in printed cottons, such as Me and Matilda's big dot tie (shown, \$19; Meandmatilda.com), which deliver a boisterous approach to the buttoned-up style. For extra cred, pair one with a solid V-neck sweater, so there's just a hint of punchy color at the neck. Trust us: Girls will dig it.



Grab Bag

The Quaff Of Fame

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, before his career was revived by "The Wrestler," Mickey Rourke might've accepted an invite to the Oscars party in our basement. But with his best actor nod, it looks like we'll be home again, munching popcorn with Mr. Whiskers. Still, even if we can't hang with A-listers at the Academy Awards, we can sip like they do. Sterling Vineyards, which pours reds and whites for the official post-Oscars bash, also sells vino (\$10-\$24, wine shops) to folks like us, who aren't ever going to thank our mom, agent and cat when we win a best documentary statuette. Plus, the buttery Napa chard goes swell with Jiffy Pop.



Bloom Service

ORLA KIELY'S MOD-COOL bags, pottery and linens use a sweetly retro "That '70s Show" palette and simple flower and fruit motifs. The only thing that's put off design snobs in the past is slightly steep prices, which have been banished on Target's new collection of Kiely housewares. Pieces that would both clean up and brighten up your abode range from fabric-covered bins (shown, \$15) to cheery mugs decked with pears.



B.I.O. \$35,000 WEDDING GIVEAWAY

Here Comes The Prize!

Each of these couples is groomed for happiness, but only one can win our wedding package valued at more than \$35,000. We're talking the works: the dress, diamonds, flowers, cake and more. We whittled our mailbag of deserving entrants down to five based on their answers to the questions below. These duos have weathered long-distance love, bridged cultural divides and shared support through tough times. Now you need to choose your favorite pair. Cast your vote at Expressnightout.com through Feb. 27. The winning couple will be revealed March 6 in Styles.

1. How did you meet?

2. How did he propose?

3. Describe a time when things were tough but you stayed together and forged through.

4. If you had to make a TV show, movie or book the theme of your wedding, which would you choose and why?

5. You get to the ceremony site on your wedding day, and the roof has fallen in. What do you do?

6. Would you rather get married in a lime-green prom ensemble from the 1970s, or include all your exes in the wedding party?



Lauren Gomes, 24
Ethan Atwood, 27

Lauren and Ethan will marry Oct. 11, 2009, in D.C.

1 They met Aug. 28, 2002, Lauren's first day at St. Bonaventure University in New York. She was a freshman, and Ethan was a resident assistant. They were friendly, but, as Ethan explains, when Lauren locked herself out of her dorm room and needed his help, "we realized fate was slapping us in the face."

2 Ethan's proposal was nontraditional, in an American sense. On July 4, 2008, Ethan proposed according to Bengali custom to Lauren and her family. Ethan explains: "It was a bit like a mini-wedding, formal and catered for 80 guests. The highlight for me, beside her saying yes, was the fact that the ring I gave her was designed for her with the same diamond my grandpa used to propose to my grandma."

3 After Ethan graduated, he accepted a job teaching English in Japan. Lauren had one year of school left and reservations about long-distance relationships. They decided to take time apart and hope for the best. "Soon after arriving in Japan, I knew I did not want to be there without her, and little did I know that she had come to the same realization," Ethan says.

4 "'My Big Fat Greek Wedding' — just replace 'Greek' with 'Bengali,'" Ethan suggests. "Lauren is a first-generation American, and her family is very traditional. I am a New Englander whose family has been in the States for generations. Like the movie, there was hesitation accepting the American into what her family considers the greatest culture on Earth. However, once they learned I could handle their spicy foods — a respectable feat for a white guy — we all started relating."

5 "We have always wanted an outdoor wedding," Ethan says. They'd just take the party to the lawn.

6 "We would make the lime-green ensemble work. Just make sure there are plenty of paisley patterns because that's how we roll," Ethan says. "Henna and henna-inspired designs heavily influence Lauren's style."



Jessica Hodge, 23
Anthony Roach, 24

Jessica and Anthony will marry June 19, 2010, in King George, Va.

1 "We went to a carnival and stayed up past our bedtime, ate ice cream and watched cartoons. I was only 4, and Jessica was 3. ... We didn't go on our first date until June 13, 2008, and I learned more about her in one day than I had in 19 years. I sometimes joke that it took almost 20 years for me to open my eyes, but I guess it's better late than never!"

2 "I proposed to Jessica on Nov. 4, 2008. It was the night Barack Obama was voted our 44th president. We stayed up late to see the results, and once I was sure he would win, I looked at Jessica and said, 'Do you realize that this will be one of the biggest days of our lives?' She smiled and said, 'Yeah, our first black president.' I said, 'But that's not the only reason.' Then I got down on one knee and asked if we could spend the rest of our lives together."

3 "This question makes it sound like times were tough and now everything is gravy. Let me paint a picture: I'm broke, and she is a full-time college student. In the first six months of our relationship, I was laid off twice. Her support and belief in me never wavered even the slightest during that time period."

4 Disney's "Aladdin." "We both love how Aladdin and Jasmine were committed to each other no matter what obstacles got in their way. Money, skeptics and social status were no match for their love. Plus, 'Aladdin' was our favorite cartoon series growing up!"

5 Anthony and Jessica are planning on getting married at her parents' house. "After we made sure her father increased their home[owners] insurance coverage, we would try to carry on," Anthony says.

6 Lime green. "I'll even grow an Afro, and we can walk down the aisle with Al Green wailing through the speakers," Anthony says.



CAST YOUR VOTE!

Make your voice heard on this important issue! Choose your favorite couple at Expressnightout.com, where you'll see a link to the contest until Feb. 27. And thanks to all the other couples who entered — we enjoyed reading about your impending nuptials! You're all winners.

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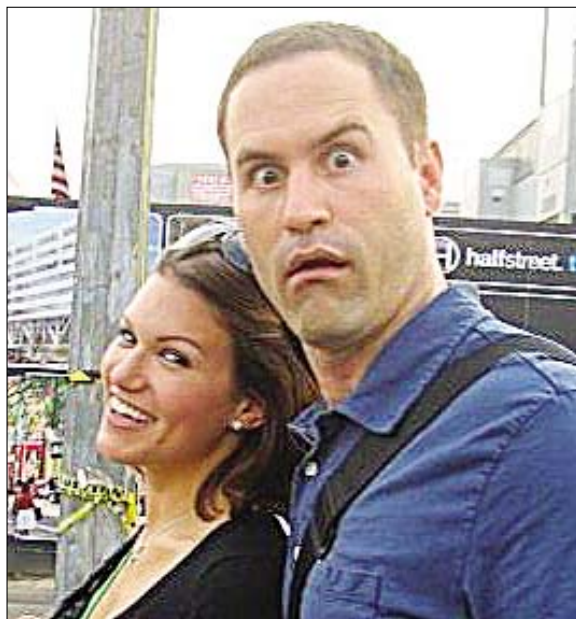
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Kirsten Kedzierski, 26 Scot Hinshaw, 34

Kirsten and Scot will marry Dec. 5, 2009, in Toledo, Ohio.

1 The couple met at a hotel in Costa Rica while attending different destination weddings. Kirsten caught Scot's eye by the resort's pool, and he approached her. When she explained she'd attended a wedding the evening before, he invited her to be his date at his friend's wedding that evening. "I politely declined, but something struck me about him," she says. "When I mentioned this to my mother, my mother marched down to where he was and said, 'Hi, I'm Mary. I'm sorry my daughter is a dumb-ass. She will attend the wedding with you tonight.'" Kirsten did. The next weekend, Scot traveled from D.C. to New York to attend a Yankees game with her, and the rest is history.

2 With a houseful of relatives and dinner on the stove, Scot proposed on Thanksgiving Day in 2008. "He sat me on the bed and told me he was very thankful for everything we have and wanted to know if I would make him thankful for one more thing, and then he pulled out the most beautiful ring I have ever seen."

3 "When we moved into our condo and I discovered Scot's Maryland Terrapins bobbleheads had made the move with us. I calmly asked him to wait until a proper man-cave was built [to display them in], and he refused. In all seriousness, D.C. has been a tough adjustment for me. I miss my Yankees and my girlfriends — in that order."

4 "'Flashdance'? Not really, but my copy just got scratched, and perhaps if we win this, the producers will send us a new copy because of the shout-out," Kirsten says.

5 "Actually, we are getting married at a historic theater in Toledo. A little roof issue won't stop us. As long as the chicken isn't dry, I'm happy," Kirsten says.

6 Exes, please! "My exes are performers and can provide cheaper music options for us. I love a good deal. As for his side, Scot agrees. His exes are event planners and are probably super-good at getting the best deal out of vendors."



Bridget Weston, 25 Richard Pollack, 26

Bridget and Richard will marry April 10, 2010, likely in D.C. or Northern Virginia.

1 They met while attending the University of Pennsylvania, where they shared a large group of friends. Toward the end of their senior year, Bridget recalls, "There was a lot of flirting back and forth, but Rick would never 'make the move.'" Rick admits he "wasn't sure if starting a relationship was a good idea" with graduation looming. On May 25, 2005, the two discussed the future and shared their first kiss. Rick says: "I realized she was worth it and that I never wanted to lose her."

2 While driving home from a party on Jan. 1, 2009, Rick said he wasn't feeling well and asked whether they could pull over at the Jefferson Memorial. After he'd been gone for five minutes, Bridget assumed he had gotten "sick or arrested" and resolved to find him. She spotted him by the Tidal Basin in front of the monument. "I ran over, thinking he was ill. That's when he gave me a kiss and got down on one knee," Bridget says.

3 "Rick and I had been dating less than six months when my mom had a massive stroke. Two days before Christmas, we were told she wouldn't make it, and we brought her home to die in peace. My mother was my best friend, and I cannot explain how sad I was." Rick instinctively responded with kindness. He says: "As soon as I heard, I knew I had to be there for her. Doing anything I could to help her was what I wanted to do. It still is."

4 Although Rick was holding out for "SportsCenter," he agrees with Bridget's suggestion: "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory." She says: "It's about never losing touch with your inner child and taking care of your loved ones."

5 "This is why we are having a civil ceremony!" Bridget says.

6 Lime green, baby. "I think the pictures would be fantastic, and our family and friends would go all-out," Rick says. "Seriously, do you know where I can get a lime-green tuxedo?"



Shawnda White, 39 Jay Drewery, 35

Shawnda and Jay will marry Sept. 27, 2009, in Oxon Hill, Md.

1 "Jay and I first laid eyes on each other in the office in 2001. We started out as friends. Later, when we found out that our birthdays were a week apart, and we were then both single, we decided to celebrate together! The two of us have been 'secretly' going strong ever since. Many people in the office [at the Navy Yard] were unaware of us as a couple. I guess they'll find out now!"

2 Jay surprised Shawnda on her birthday with an intimate proposal at Café MoZU at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. "We ordered appetizers and drinks, and gazed at the beautiful scenery. Jay started talking to me about how there was something that he wanted to buy me for my birthday but was unable to find it. He said, 'But if you let me, I would like to spend the rest of my life trying to buy you all of the things that you want.' In front of all of the patrons, he pulled out a gorgeous ring from his pocket. I think that I screamed 'yes' a million times."

3 "Phone charges, a seven-hour time difference and the stress of a complicated visa process have all weighed on us. What gets us through is that we make sure to say 'I love you' every day, even if it's just a text message in the middle of the night."

4 "Jay and I want our wedding to encompass the culture, history and romance from 'The Great Gatsby,' and still bring in a bit of the Mediterranean charm; the wonderful sense of family, and the richness of Italian food and drink depicted in 'Under the Tuscan Sun.'"

5 "We have endured a long-distance courtship, the death of loved ones, and five years of relationship ups and downs. So, when someone gives you lemons, you should make lemonade!"

6 Lime green. "Hey, we're children of the '70s and would welcome the chance to bring that retro vibe back into the fold," Shawnda says.

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FROM SHORT, SWEET ROMPERS
TO SLOUCHY, SAFARI-INSPIRED
NUMBERS, JUMPSUITS BOUND
BACK INTO STYLE FOR SPRING

Short Order

Love wearing minidresses but hate, um, the peek-a-boo possibilities? Marc by Marc Jacobs' bold rain forest-print romper (\$225, Cusp, 3030 M St. NW; 202-625-0898) reveals gams without going too far. This bold, 1980s-inspired pattern packs a big style punch, so keep accessories minimal — like Eugenia Kim's silk headband (\$80, Eugeniakim.com). Right now, you can put this one-piece on with tights, a thick cardi and knee boots for a cozy night out. And when the weather warms up, try this little darling with gladiator sandals for a weekend picnic.



Tall, Cool One

Forget the L.B.D. (little black dress) and think L.B.J. (long black jumpsuit), as in Theory's sleek wool one (\$345, Cusp). Accessorize with hot hues: a yellow belt (\$135, Reiss, 1254 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-944-8565), headband (\$80, Eugeniakim.com) and turquoise pendant (\$225, Cusp). Finish with Alice + Olivia for Payless shoes (\$30, Payless.com).



➔ **The jumpsuit**, in recent years mainly garb for prison inmates and astronauts, has vaulted back into fashion. Not jumping for, er, joy about the idea of putting on a two-legged one-piece? Remember that '70s icons such as Diana Ross and Farrah Fawcett went lean and sexy in the one-pieces (and somehow figured out how to go to the bathroom between kicking bad guys' butts/belting out disco songs). Current styles range from shorts rompers to work-ready longer numbers. "Jumpsuits are slimming," says Alex Gardner, manager of Arlington's South Moon Under. "Most hit right at the natural waistline, accenting the right places." And remember: Belts are a jumpsuit's BFF. They break up all that fabric and cinch the waist, helping you look long-legged and ready to bounce, leap or just stroll into the warmer days ahead. **ASHLEY JOY PARKER**

Chapter and Versatile

Reiss' slouchy, cowl-necked number in nude silk (1254 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-944-8565) manages to merge multiple spring trends without going overboard. For the office, put it on with closed-toe shoes (\$30, Payless.com) and one of the season's killer dropped lapel blazers. After hours, add open-toe platforms, chunky jewelry and a dramatic belt to make the vaguely safari-ish onesie appropriate for dinner out or a night at the Kennedy Center.

Violet Femme

"I Dream of Jeannie" meets "The Last Days of Disco" on Collective Concepts' deep-purple silk one-piece (\$78, South Moon Under). Cinch its drapery shape with a tough-girl, braided leather belt (\$28, South Moon Under), and then ramp up the glam, Studio 54 vibe with Alice + Olivia for Payless platforms (\$30, Payless.com), a cuff bracelet and a goddessy gold necklace (\$75 and \$40, South Moon Under). Whether you wear it to boogie all night or just to a pal's house party is entirely up to you.

ON THE COVER

Andrea wears Twenty8Twelve's romper (\$420, Saks Fifth Avenue stores) with Eugenia Kim's belt (\$305, Eugeniakim.com), a cuff and a necklace (\$75 and \$40, South Moon Under). Model/T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair and makeup/Richard Bernal/T.H.E. Artist Agency.



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